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不安で苦しい毎日も、
彼女と二人なら――…

コハルは小学二年生になって夢ができた。
それは、母と同じ中学校に入る事。
父・正宗には叶えてあげたい夢ができた。
夢を抱えて過ごす毎日は、楽しびや混乱、
そして勉強に大忙し。それでも、時々は
喧嘩みあって、絆を深めて二人は歩く。

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MIZU SAHARA

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SAHARA MIZU

The 19th Day: The Me of Tomorrow

MY GIRL

huff
WHEN I WAS A KID...
huff
I LOVED THINKING ABOUT WHAT THE NEXT DAY WOULD BRING.
TRIP
JUST WATCHING MY ARMS AND LEGS GROW DAY BY DAY MADE ME HAVE HOPE IN MYSELF.
...
AND YET...
OWW ...

AND I STOPPED BEING ABLE...
I CAN'T COUNT THE DAYS NOW.
...TO LOOK MYSELF STRAIGHT IN THE EYE.
...I WONDER WHY...

MY GIRL

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KAZAMA
BEFORE I EVEN KNOW IT, ALMOST ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED...
ALL RIGHT.
LOOK, MASAMUNE-KUN!
I DON'T MIND IF YOU TAKE CARE OF THE CLOTHES THAT KOHARU-CHAN HAS OUTGROWN ...
LOOK AT THIS SWEATER!
MY TUMMY SHOWS!

I DIDN'T NOTICE AT ALL.
HOW TRUE THAT IS...
THEY ALWAYS SAY THAT CHILDREN GROW UP FAST.
IT FIT ME LAST YEAR...
YOU'RE SUCH A BIG GIRL NOW, KOHARU-CHAN...
WOW.

YES, PLEASE.
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME, MOTHER?
Thanks!
OH, I PEELED SOME APPLES. HERE YOU GO.
YOU'LL GROW EVEN MORE, TOO.

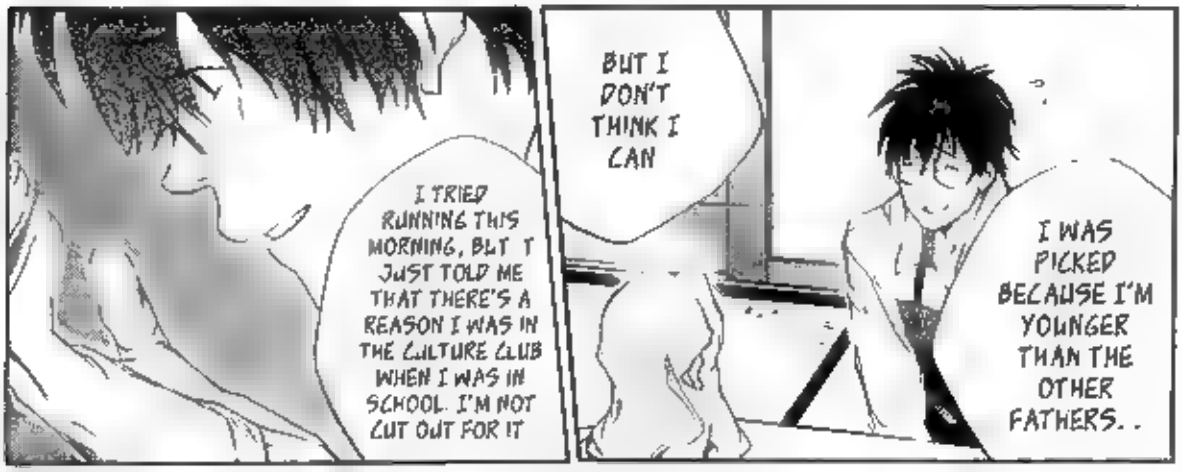
YOU'RE ALWAYS GOOD AT THINGS LIKE THIS, IF NOTHING ELSE...
OH, IT'S A BUNNY, HOW CUTE...

WHEN YOUKO-SAN LEFT THIS WORLD BEHIND...
...EVEN MY MOTHER-IN-LAW ENCOURAGED ME TO FIND SOMEONE ELSE.
Isn't it tasty?
Yes!
BUT SHE DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT ANYMORE...
EXCUSE ME...
THEN COULD YOU HELP ME STUDY FOR MY TEST?
NO, I DON'T.
DO YOU HAVE A LOT OF WORK TONIGHT?
MASA-MUNE-KUN?

I'LL GO CHANGE!
TEST? IS THAT THE CRAM SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM?
YES.
OH?
I THOUGHT SHE'D FAILED THE OTHER DAY WHEN SHE TOOK IT THE SECOND TIME.
YES, THAT'S TRUE, BUT WE DECIDED TO TRY FOR ANOTHER SCHOOL NEXT MONTH
TO BE HONEST, I'VE BEEN RUNNING AWAY THIS WHOLE TIME
EVEN THOUGH SHE'LL ALREADY BE IN THIRD GRADE NEXT YEAR,
I JUST KEPT ON THINKING THAT SHE DIDN'T NEED TO KNOW THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF FAILURE

I SUPPOSE SHE REALLY WANTS
TO GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS YOUKO-SAN .
SHE CRIED QUITE A BIT WHEN SHE DIDN'T GET IN
BUT SHE RECOVERED RIGHT AWAY AND SAID SHE WANTED TO TRY AGAIN..
I GUESS YOUKO-SAN'S PRESENCE IS STILL VERY STRONG...

OH, THIS?
WELL YOU REMEMBER HOW THE LAST SPORTS DAY WAS CANCELLED HALF-WAY THROUGH BECAUSE OF RAIN ?
I'VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT THIS..
BUT YOU HAVE A LOT OF SCRATCHES, MASAMUNE-SAN
OH, SO YOU'LL BE RUNNING IN THE RELAY?
SO I THOUGHT I'D PREPARE FOR THE FATHER'S RELAY RACE.
THE REST OF THE EVENTS MIGHT BE HELD OVER THE WEEKEND,


I TRIED RUNNING THIS MORNING, BUT T JUST TOLD ME THAT THERE'S A REASON I WAS IN THE CULTURE CLUB WHEN I WAS IN SCHOOL. I'M NOT CUT OUT FOR IT
BUT I DON'T THINK I CAN
I WAS PICKED BECAUSE I'M YOUNGER THAN THE OTHER FATHERS. .

TOMORROW I'LL ASK KANNA-CHAN'S FATHER TO STAND IN FOR ME...

KAZAMA!
REDO YOUR PROPOSAL!
YES, SIR
BEFORE I KNEW IT, I HAD STOPPED GROWING.
...AND THE FACE I SAW REFLECTED IN THE MIRROR STOPPED CHANGING

IT'S STILL TOO EARLY FOR ME TO FEEL THE EFFECTS OF AGE.
OH
KAZA-MA!
SURE
WANNA GO GET LUNCH WITH US?
HUH?
IS THAT YOU, KAZAMA?
UH OH!
IS THAT YOU, TAKE-YAMA?!
WE WENT TO THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL.
IT'S ME, ME! DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
WHEN YOU LEAD AN UNCHANGING LIFE, YOU LOSE TRACK OF THE PASSING OF TIME
OR NEWS OF THE PASSINGS OF THOSE NEAR AND DEAR
GOOD NEWS FROM OLD FRIENDS,
A baby?! Congrats!
My wife's having a baby next month!
HOW'VE YOU BEEN?
WOW, IT'S BEEN AGES!

LET'S GO DRINKING SOMETIME
I'LL BE IN TOUCH!
OH, MAN, I'VE GOTTA HEAD BACK
AT TIMES LIKE THAT, I'M SUDDENLY REMINDED OF THE YEARS I'VE LIVED.
EVERYONE'S LIVES SEEM SO BRILLIANT TO ME.
AND I CAN FEEL MY OWN HEART SINKING...
RECYCLABLES
FLAMMABLE
CREAK

I'M HOME!
WHAT HAVE I BEEN DOING ALL THIS TIME...?
PROPOSAL
KAZAMA
YOU'RE PROBABLY HUNGRY, AREN'T YOU?
I'LL MAKE DINNER RIGHT NOW.
WELCOME BACK, MASAMUNE-KUN!
HUH? WERE YOU STUDYING FOR YOUR TEST AGAIN?
YES!

I THINK YOU NEED TO FIX IT LIKE THIS
RIGHT HERE
LET'S SEE.
IS THIS RIGHT?
OH, YEAH, MASA-MUNE-KUN!
I'LL TRY IT AGAIN.
OKAY...
.....

?
HOW CAN YOU WORK THIS HARD?
IT'S REALLY AMAZING OF YOU ..
NO, I'M JUST REALLY IMPRESSED.
IS IT BECAUSE YOU WANT TO WEAR THE SAME UNIFORM AS YOUKO-SAN?
IT .
IT'S A SECRET ..

AT FIRST ..
.....
I THOUGHT IT WAS JEALOUSY TOWARDS YOUKO-SAN, BUT IT WASN'T...
I'M JEALOUS ...
...OF HER.
HER ADMIRABLE POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND BASELESS CONFIDENCE...
. .ARE THINGS THAT I NO LONGER HAVE

LET'S SEE,
PEPPERS, PEPPERS...
OH, KAZAMA-SAN!
OH! IF IT ISN'T KANNA-CHAN'S MOTHER!
SHOPPING TOGETHER?
YES
OH, YES, THAT'S RIGHT
DID YOU ATTACH THE NUMBER BIB TO KOHARU-CHAN'S GYM CLOTHES?
THE SPORTS DAY MIGHT BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK, SO PLEASE DO MAKE SURE TO DO IT.
OH, REALLY? ALL RIGHT, I WILL.

OH, SPEAKING OF THE SPORTS DAY, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.
COULD I ASK YOUR HUSBAND TO TAKE MY PLACE IN THE RELAY?
OH, OF COURSE
MY HUSBAND LOVES THOSE KINDS OF THINGS
THANK YOU, I APPREC.-ATE IT
I'M NO GOOD AT RUNNING, MYSELF
GOOD-BYE.
GOOD-BYE
.....
MASA-MUNE-KUN, YOU AREN'T GOING TO RUN IN THE RACE?
NO.
I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT RUNNING
SO IF YOU'RE NOT GOOD AT IT, YOU SHOULDN'T DO IT?

WHEN DID I GET SO GOOD AT MAKING EXCUSES?
YOU KNOW I CAN'T CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR EVERYONE ELSE
OH...
WHEN DID SHAME BECOME THE THING...
...THAT I FEAR MOST?
ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO HOME AND HAVE DINNER

KOHARU-CHAN, DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A BATH FIRST?
SURE
ALL RIGHT, I'LL ATTACH YOUR NUMBER TO YOUR GYM CLOTHES, THEN
!
AHH! DON'T OPEN IT!
HUH ...?
I'LL DO IT MYSELF...!

PROPOSAL
KAZAMA

MY OLD FAILED PROPOSALS?
I THOUGHT I THREW THEM OUT.
TH. THESE ARE
YOU CAN'T THROW THEM AWAY!
THESE...
...ARE MY TREASURES!
?

I'M ACTUALLY REALLY
. SCARED ABOUT THE TEST...
THESE ARE THE REASON I CAN WORK SO HARD
?
WHEN I THINK ABOUT WHAT I'LL DO IF I FAIL AGAIN...
...I GET REALLY SCARED .
PROPOSAL
KAZAMA
I CAN BRING MYSELF TO TRY AGAIN
BUT WHEN I LOOK AT THESE,

I'M JUST...
...COPYING YOU, MASAMUNE-KUN.
IF I STRAIN MY EYES...
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND IT...

FIND THAT, EVEN IN THIS CASUAL DAY-TO-DAY LIFE

...CHANGE IS HIDING SOMEWHERE IN THERE...

The 19th Day · FIN

The 20th Day:
Wanting to Take First Place

ALTHOUGH I THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER FOR A CERTAIN SOMEONE IF IT HAD RAINED.
YES, INDEED.
I'M GLAD IT DIDN'T RAIN TODAY...
27th Annual Sports Day
Silent
badump
badump
badump
.....

I'm looking forward to running with you today!
Same here!
LOOKING AT THE OTHER MEMBERS, I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY HE'D FEEL THE EXTRA RESPONSIBILITY
HE'S SO FLUSTERED ABOUT A MERE RELAY RACE IT'S EMBARRASSING
OH, MY.
SO THE GRANDFATHER IS TAKING HIS PLACE
MIZUSHIMA-SAN'S FATHER IS BUSY AT WORK TODAY.
BUT
MASAMUNE-KUN!
MY TEACHER SAID WRITING IT ON YOUR BACK ALSO WORKS!
BACK?
I'VE BEEN DOING IT THE WHOLE TIME, BUT IT HASN'T HELPED MUCH.
chomp
Person person person
DID YOU SWALLOW THE AUDIENCE YET?

31 T/N: WHEN DOING SOMETHING IN FRONT OF AN AUDIENCE, THE CUSTOM TO EASE ONE'S NERVOUSNESS IS TO WRITE "PERSON" (TO REPRESENT THE AUDIENCE) THREE TIMES ON YOUR HAND AND PRETENDING TO SWALLOW IT (SO THAT YOU ARE NOT OVERWHELMED BY THE AUDIENCE.) HAVING SOMEONE WRITE IT ON YOUR BACK (WHERE YOU CANNOT SEE IT) IS AN ALTERNATE METHOD.

HONESTLY!
Ahahaha...
WELL?
OH,
I THINK IT'S WORKING
OH!
IT'S MY TURN!
Next up is the second-grade scavenger hunt.
Partici-pating students, please.
I'M OFF!
HAVE FUN!

THIS IS NOTHING COMPARED TO YOUR MEGA-PHONE!
OH MY, A NEW CAMERA! YOU'RE CERTAINLY FIRED UP!
NOW WHO'S EMBAR-RASSING ?
EH?
WHERE?
OH!
THERE SHE IS, THERE SHE IS!
SHE'S WAVING HER HAND OVER THERE
KYAAA!
So loud!
GRAND-CHILDREN WIELD AMAZING POWER.
STAY RELAXED AND DO YOUR BEST!
OH!
THERE SHE IS!

GET SET...
ALL RIGHT!
NEXT LINE, ON YOUR MARKS
BA NG
I'M GLAD SHE'S NOT LIKE MASAMUNE!
click
WOW, LOOK AT HER RUN!
click
Oh, come on.
click
Go!

SHE'S NOT MOVING
?
CHEER CHEER
I WONDER WHAT SHE GOT
SHE'S BEING LEFT BEHIND...
I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG..
OH. DEAR

SHE'S TALKING TO THE TEACHER ..
OH, THERE SHE GOES
OH..
SHE'S COMING BACK. .
UM...
WELL...
WHAT WHAT'S THE MATTER, KOHARU-CHAN?
DID YOU GET SOMETHING HARD TO FIND?

IT...
IT WAS BLANK.
I'M THIRSTY, SO I'M GOING TO GO GET SOME WATER
EH
I'M GOING TO GO TALK TO THE TEACHER!
HOW AWFUL!
NO, IT'S FINE!
BLANK!?
.....

Mother
MA MASAMUNE-KUN.
gasp
Fwip
KOHARU-CHAN?

I SAW IT ALREADY..

I'LL RUN HARD IN THE RELAY.
MORE THAN ANY OF THE OTHER FATHERS...
OKAY..

LET'S JUST TAKE IT EASY,
RIGHT? KAZAMA-SAN
I HAVEN'T RUN IN A WHILE. I'M GETTING NERVOUS...
When
Students, please support your fathers...
Next is the father's relay race.
EH?
YES..
KAZAMA-SAN, DON'T YOU TRIP SOMETIMES WHEN YOU RUN?
? ?
OKAY ..
?
TRY RUNNING BAREFOOT
SOMETIMES YOUR TOES TURN INWARD.

OKAY, CAN I GO SECOND?
WELL, I'LL RUN FIRST.
HELLO LET'S HAVE A GOOD RACE.
ALTHOUGH I'M GLAD OUR OPPONENTS WILL GIVE US AN EASY WIN...
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S RUNNING FIRST.
YES .. IT MIGHT BE TOUGH...
WELL, KAZAMA-SAN.
WOW, HE DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE...
WHY DON'T YOU RUN FIRST..?
DASH
I'M GOING TO GO CLOSER TO WATCH!
AH

WOW, YOU'RE RUNNING BAREFOOT ?
YOU'RE REALLY FIRED UP,
HUH?
GET SET...
PLEASE, TAKE YOUR MARKS
STOMP
BANG
MASA-MUNE-KUN!
OH! SORRY.
OW!

SPLAT
BUT I..
JOG JOG JOG
SORRY FOR BEING IMMATURE
Owww!
Kya ha ha!
How lame!
...DON'T WANT TO LOSE...

WHOOSH
KAAAH!
LURCH
WHY, YOU
EEEP!
HE'S COMING!
KA
KAMIKAWA-SAN!
KA-
KAZAMA-SAAAN!
HERE!
SMACK

KOHARU-CHAN.
MASAMUNE-KUN!
KAZAMA
slump
PHEW.
THAT WAS SCARY
YEEEAH..
BUT...
YOU FINISHED FIRST, MASAMUNE-KUN!
Don't copy what I just did.
MIZUSHIMA-SAN, PLEASE DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD WHEN YOU RUN
WELL, I SUPPOSE THIS IS JUST RIGHT FOR US.
OH...
IT'S ONLY HALF A LAP, I CAN TAKE CARE OF IT.
WE'RE BEHIND BY HALF A LAP

I.
HONOLULU
1107
. RUN THE RACE EVERY YEAR.
HUH...?
THE HONOLULU MARATHON ...

WOW. IT'S THE FIRST TIME I EVER GOT FIRST PLACE AT SPORTS DAY
IT WASN'T YOUR DOING!
THAT'S TRUE
BUT YOU WERE GREAT, MASAMUNE-KUN!
IT WAS A GREAT SPORTS DAY!
IF YOU SAY SO, KOHARU-CHAN...
...THEN I AGREE...

The 20th Day.FIN

The 21st Day:
When the Child Cooks

IN A TV SHOW I SAW A LONG TIME AGO
THERE WAS A SCENE OF A MOTHER GIVING HER TOKYO-BOUND SON AN AMULET TO ENSURE SAFE BIRTH.
I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT SCENE SEEMED SO FORCED AND AWKWARD
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
BUT IN THE SPACE OF A FEW HOURS
PLEASE LET KOHARU-CHAN PASS HER EXAM .
THAT COMPLETELY CHANGED FOR ME .

OH!
WELCOME!
I'M BACK
KAZAMA
!
I'M SORRY TO SAY THAT KOHARU-CHAN IS WITH MY MOTHER-IN-LAW TODAY
ARE YOU DISAPPOINTED THAT IT'S JUST YOUR SON?
WELL, A LITTLE
HA HA!

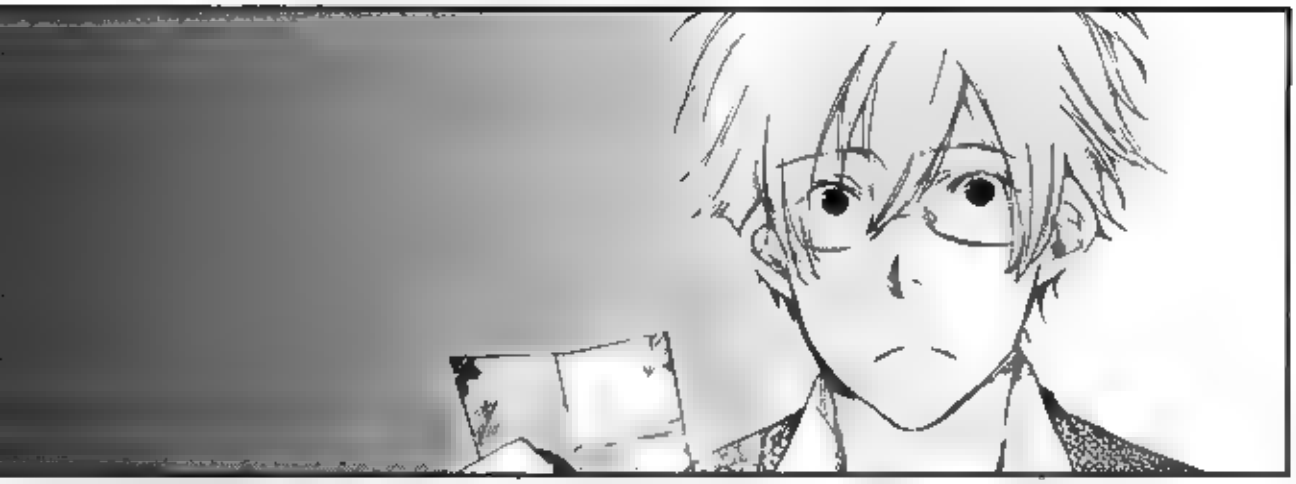
HUH?
IS MOM STILL AT WORK?
YEAH, BUT
I JUST SENT HER AN EMAIL, SO SHE SHOULD BE BACK ANY MOMENT NOW
DID YOU SAY THAT KOHARU-CHAN WAS COMING?
WOW, SHE WON'T BE HAPPY WHEN SHE SEES IT'S JUST ME
NO.
rustle
rustle
I JUST SAID THAT YOU WERE COMING, MASAMUNE
AH!
THERE IT IS.
Success with Studies
JUST LIKE YOU ASKED, AN AMULET FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDIES
I BOUGHT IT THE OTHER DAY
THANKS, THAT'S A HUGE HELP
AND THE ONES FROM THIS SHRINE REALLY WORK.

YEAH
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. I THINK I'M PANICKING MORE THAN HER
IT'S TOMORROW, RIGHT? KOHARU-CHAN'S ENTRANCE EXAM
BUT YOU DIDN'T GET LOST?
THE SHRINE THAT SELLS THESE AMULETS IS KIND OF HARD TO FIND...
HUH?
THE SECOND TIME?
OH, IT WAS FINE
IT WAS THE SECOND TIME I'D BEEN THERE, AFTER ALL

Station
Please make absolutely positively sure you buy it!
Here!!
SEE?
YEAH.

MOM?
IT'S FROM YOUR MOTHER.
WHAT'S THIS OLD MAP FROM ...?

SHE SENT ME OFF TO BUY ONE WHEN YOU HAD YOUR HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS...
THAT'S RIGHT.



REMEMBER? YOU COULDN'T TAKE YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM BECAUSE YOU WERE DOWN WITH THE FLU
OH YEAH, I GUESS I WAS
SHE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE SO SAD IF YOU FAILED AGAIN.
IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO CALM HER DOWN BACK THEN

OH REALLY?
THAT'S THE FIRST I'VE HEARD ABOUT THAT

BUT REALLY, THINKING ABOUT HER BACK THEN
IT WOULD BE SO FUNNY IF YOU GOT THE FLU AGAIN AFTER ALL THIS!

AND IT ALL WENT DOWN THE DRAIN IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE...
I MEAN, LAST TIME YOU SPENT HOURS UPON HOURS STUDYING FOR THE EXAM,
HA HA HA HA...
WELL, AS LONG AS YOU GET INTO COLLEGE! I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH YOU FOR AN EXTRA YEAR!
YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD THE WORST LUCK...
IS BEING MOCKED AND RIDICULED...
THE ONLY THING I REMEMBER
BUT DESPITE THE WAY SHE ACTS, SHE'S ACTUALLY QUITE SHY.
Now, now.
WELL, SHE DID ACT THAT WAY

clunk
WHEN SOMETHING GOOD HAPPENS, WE THINK, "THAT'S GREAT "
BUT WHEN SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS,
WE THINK THAT IT'LL WORK ITSELF OUT EVENTUALLY ..
TAP TAP
WELL, YOU KNOW
YOU AND I ARE BOTH GOOD AT COPING WITH THE GOOD AND THE BAD ON OUR OWN, RIGHT?
I THINK SHE'S THE SAME, BUT...
WELL, WE GOT MARRIED LATE
NOT WHEN IT COMES TO YOU, I SUPPOSE...
WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO GIVE UP ON CHILDREN
WHEN SHE GOT PREGNANT WITH YOU...

HE WON'T GROW UP INTO A PROPER ADULT!
DON'T SPOIL HIM!
Ehh?
Go away!
AH!
SHE WAS REALLY FIRED UP ABOUT THE WHOLE PARENTING THING
SHE BARELY EVEN LET ME TOUCH YOU.
Come here!
BUT...

IT WAS FUN, TOO...
AND WHEN YOU GOT THE FLU AND FAILED YOUR ENTRANCE EXAM, THE ONE CRYING THE MOST IN THE SHADOWS
AND THE ONE WHO WAS MOST RELIEVED WHEN YOU PASSED THE NEXT TIME...
WAS YOUR MOTHER, I'M SURE.
Please make absolutely positively sure you buy it!

WHEN YOU'RE REALLY IN A TOUGH SPOT, ASK HER FOR HELP.
JUST YOU WATCH. SHE'LL DITCH ME AND GO RUNNING TO YOU IN A HEARTBEAT.

I WONDER WHAT MOM'S.
GONNA DO FOR DINNER...
HUH?
....

SHOULD I MAKE IT?
DINNER, I MEAN..
THAT MIGHT BE NICE
WANNA HELP, DAD?
SURE I WILL.
OH,

WELCOME BACK!
I'M HOME!
WHA. . WHAT ARE THE TWO OF YOU MEN DOING THERE SMILING LIKE THAT
IT'S CREEPY...
EH!?
WHAT, REALLY? TELL ME SO SOONER!
BY THE WAY, WHERE'S KOHARU-CHAN?
SHE'S AT YOUKO-SAN'S HOUSE TODAY
AHH...
ONLY MASAMUNE? HOW DISAP-PO.NTING!
Tch.
AND I HURRIED HOME AND EVERYTHING ALL FOR NOTHING.

OH, MY!
YOU MADE DINNER!?
I WENT AND BOUGHT SOME BOXED MEALS AT THE STATION!
GRR
IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO THAT, AT LEAST TELL ME!
What a waste!
I CAN'T EVEN TELL IF YOU'RE TRYING TO BE NICE!
HONESTLY, YOU TWO DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO ANYTHING!
S
SORRY..

REALLY .?
NO .. I THINK IT'S JUST RIGHT .
HOLD ON, ISN'T THIS A BIT STRONG?
!
Hmph
AND YOU, DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE FEEDING KOHARU-CHAN FOOD LIKE THIS EVERY DAY?
WELL, YOU WOULDN'T KNOW ANY BETTER, DEAR, SINCE YOU LIKE IT STRONG!
STRIKE
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! FEEDING A GROWING GIRL SOMETHING LIKE THIS!
THIS IS WHY FATHERS ARE SO HOPELESS!
HUH ...?
WELL . YEAH ..

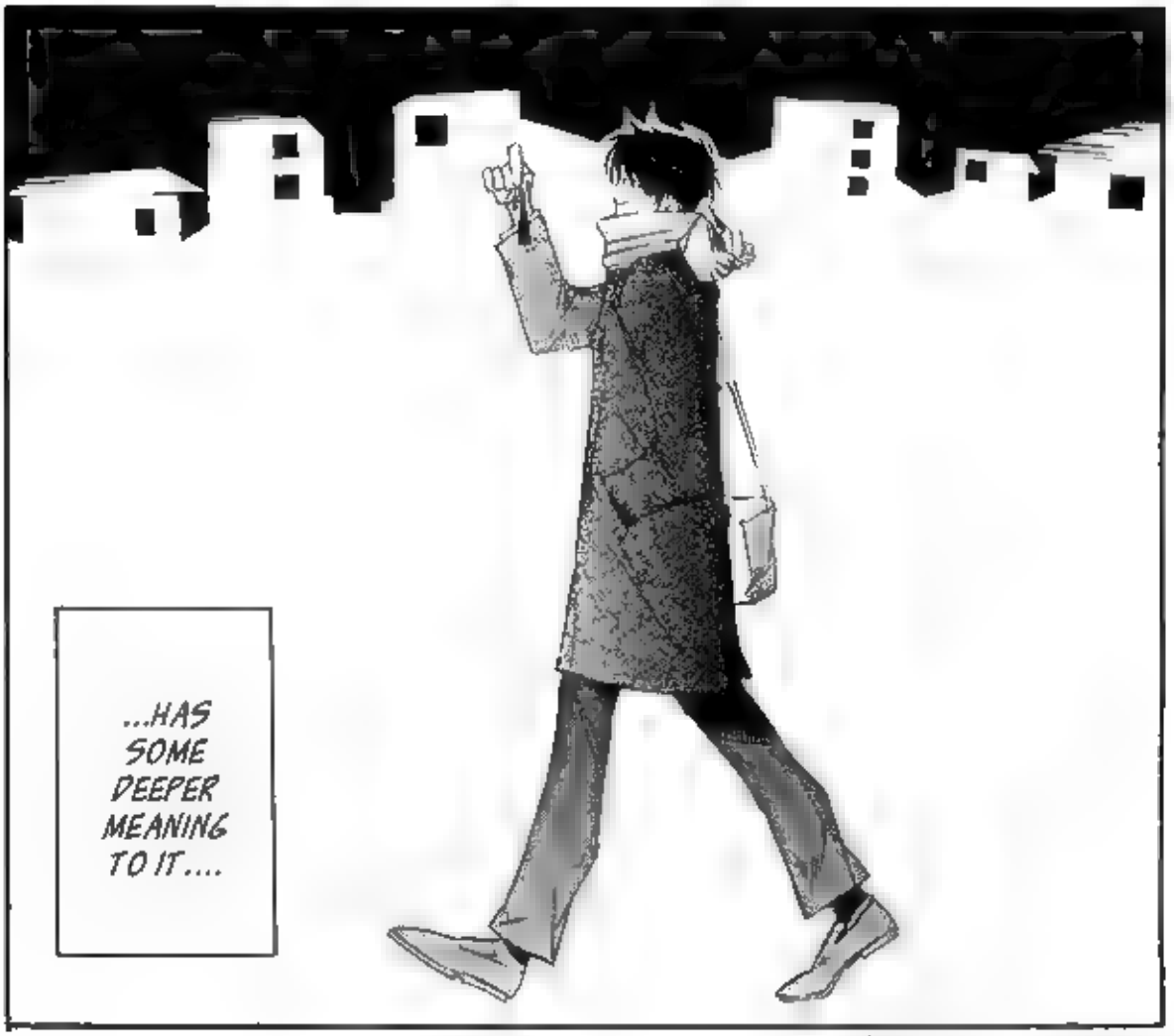
RANT
THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TIME OF A CHILD'S LIFE!
YOU HEAR ME?
RANT
RANT
EVEN THE SENSE OF TASTE WILL INFLUENCE THEIR LIVES...
RANT
UH URGH.
!
WAIT A MOMENT, MASAMUNE!
ALL RIGHT
TAKE CARE.
WELL, THEN, I'M HEADING HOME.

!
IS THIS AN AMULET!?
HERE YOU GO
GIVE IT TO KOHARU-CHAN.
WELL, YOU HAVEN'T BOUGHT ONE, HAVE YOU? I KNEW YOU HADN'T, SINCE YOU'RE SO THOUGHTLESS
I
I JUST HAPPENED TO PASS BY TODAY!
I'M SURPRISED YOU COULD GO BUY IT
BUT ISN'T YOUR OFFICE IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION OF THIS SHRINE?
OH... THANKS ...

I WON'T GET MY HOPES UP!
GO HOME ALREADY!
AND I'LL MAKE A BETTER DINNER NEXT TIME...
I'LL COME AGAIN

I'M SURE THAT MOM...
RUSHED OUT TO BUY IT THE MOMENT SHE GOT DAD'S EMAIL...

I'M SURE THIS MISTAKE . .
Safe Birth


...HAS SOME DEEPER MEANING TO IT....

The 22nd Day:
The Violent Woman and the Show-Off Man

ON THE PUDDLE IN FRONT OF OUR APARTMENT,
THERE WAS A THIN LAYER OF ICE.
I COULD FEEL IT EVEN THROUGH MY GLOVES.
I KNOW IT ISN'T THE COLD...
...THAT'S MAKING HER HAND SHAKE...
OH.
ARE YOU COLD, KOHARU-CHAN?
DO YOU WANT TO BORROW MY POCKET WARMER?
WOW!
IT'S SO WARM!

TODAY WE LEARN THE RESULTS OF HER ENTRANCE EXAM.
NO MATTER THE RESULT,
I'VE DECIDED THAT I WON'T LET IT SHAKE ME...
WAKABA SEMINARS
SEMINARS

ALL RIGHT THEN.
SHALL WE?
WAKABA SEMIN
FWOO
HWOO
FWOO
FWOO
WELL. THIS IS IT
TAKE A DEEP BREATH...
Y..
YES...
TH
THANKS
OH!
WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
CREAK
H...
HELLO.
I'M KAZAMA YOU CALLED EARLIER

ORIENTATION MEETING
MITSUBA GIRL'S MIDDLE SCHOOL
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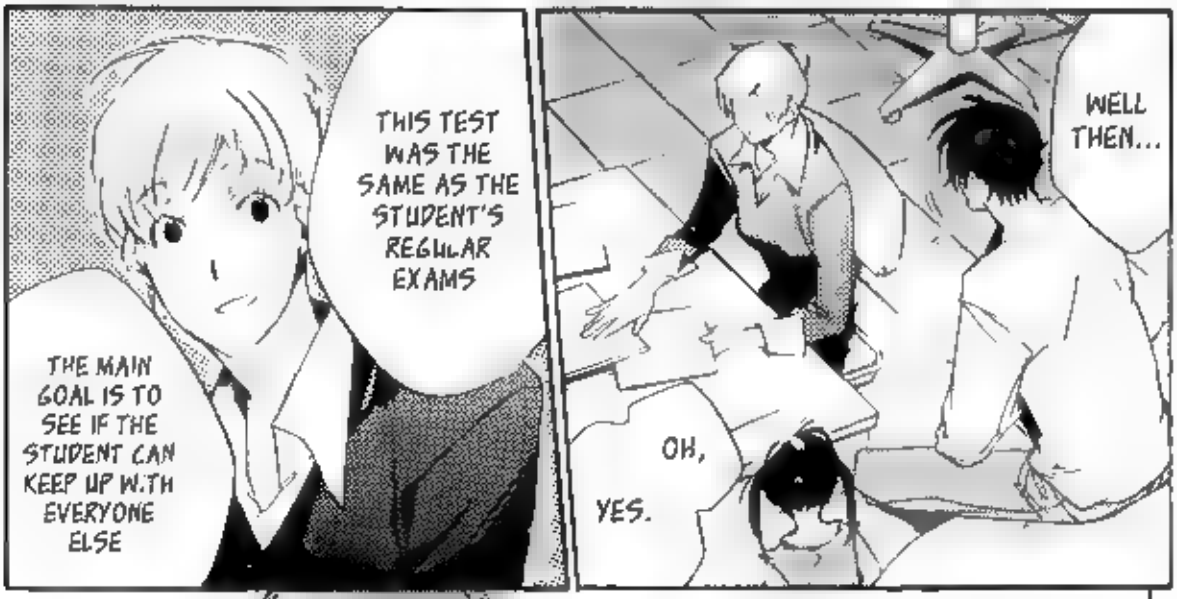

THIS TEST WAS THE SAME AS THE STUDENT'S REGULAR EXAMS
THE MAIN GOAL IS TO SEE IF THE STUDENT CAN KEEP UP W.TH EVERYONE ELSE
WELL THEN...
OH, YES.

BADUP
BADUP
BADUP
FOR KOHARU-CHAN .
HER RESULTS ARE MOSTLY CLOSE TO THE AVERAGE...
HER MATH SCORES ARE PARTICULARLY GOOD
HOWEVER .

I'M AFRAID HER SOCIAL STUDIES SCORE IS
Koharu 45
!
W-
WELL, EVERYONE HAS THEIR STRENGTHS AND WEAK-NESSES!
W-W-W.
EH...
AH
YES...
IN FACT, THERE WOULD BE NO INDIVIDUALITY IF THEY DIDN'T!

PLEASE LOOK AT THE LONG TERM! FOR HER!
BOW
PLEASE!
UH I KNOW
THAT'S WHY...
JUST BECAUSE SHE DID POORLY IN ONE SUBJECT?
IS IT REALLY OKAY TO DRAW A LINE .
HUH?
UH... OF COURSE
THAT'S WHY WE HOPE SHE'LL DO HER BEST WITH US.

PLEASE, DON'T WORRY SO MUCH.
LET'S DO OUR BEST TOGETHER.
THERE ARE QUITE A FEW GIRLS ..
WHO AREN'T AS STRONG IN SOCIAL STUDIES.
Hee hee!

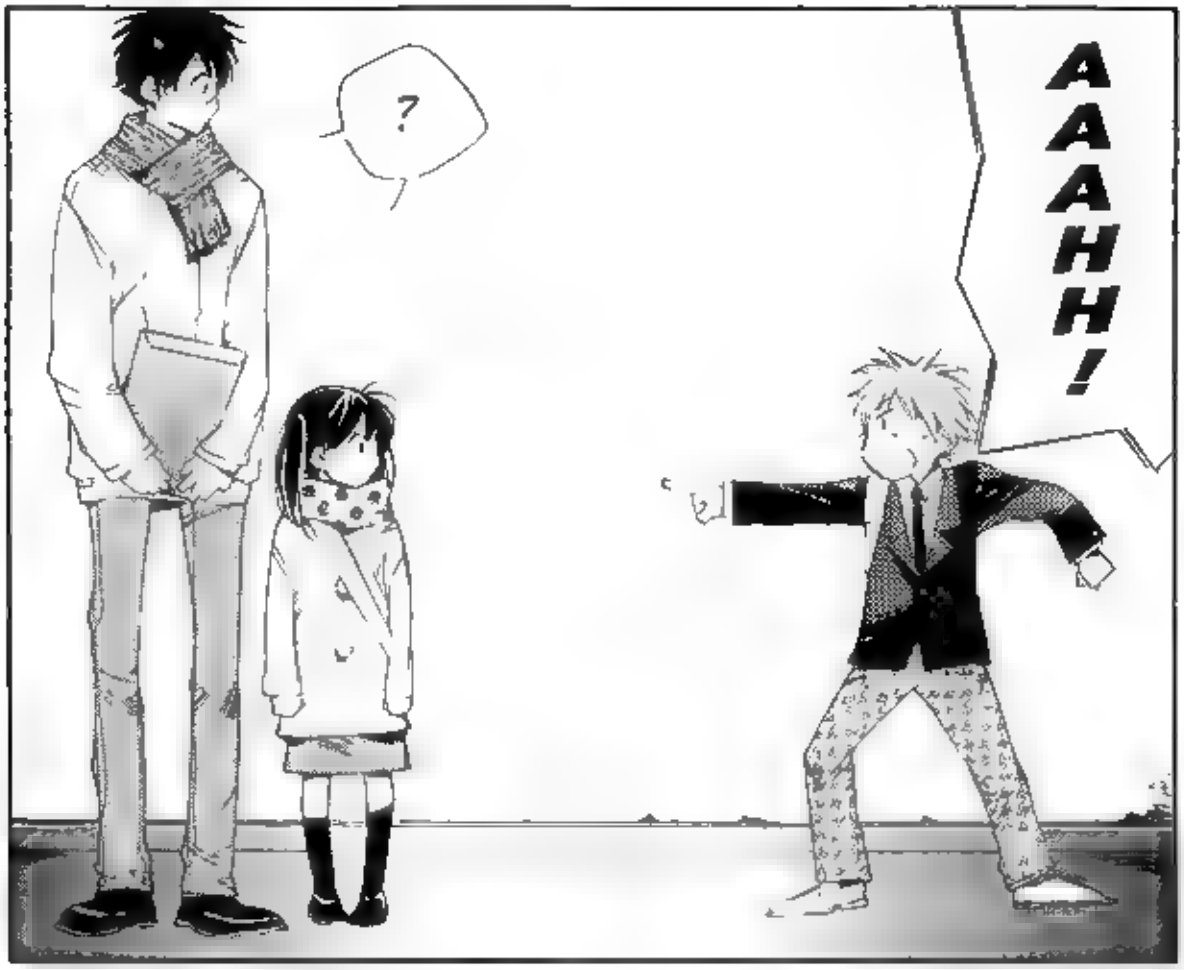
IN THE END,
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO FREAKED OUT
BUT THANK GOODNESS.
CLASS WILL BE OVER SOON, BUT FEEL FREE TO SIT IN ON A CLASS IF YOU'D LIKE.
WE'LL SEND YOU HER SCHEDULE LATER..
THANK YOU
OH, LOOK, KOHARU-CHAN!
THEY'VE PUT UP THE TEST SCORES OF THE TOP TEN STUDENTS...
WOW...
OH!

HEY, SHUU!
SO?
STOP TALKING TO ME ABOUT SUCH STUPID THINGS
YOU FELL TEN PLACES IN MATH!
Your name wasn't on the list!
SERVES YOU RIGHT!
HE'S SO ANNOYING!
HE ALWAYS ACTS SO COOL,
LIKE HE THINKS HE'S SO AWESOME ...!!

SO WHO GOT ON THE LIST INSTEAD OF ME?
HEY, LOOK, KOHARU-CHAN!
Tch.
"00
YOU'RE NUMBER TEN ON THE MATH LIST!
BUT ONLY IN MATH.
EVEN GETTING ON ONE LIST IS IMPRESSIVE.
KAZAMA KOHARU?
HER, HUH?
KAZAMA KOHARU

.....
I DON'T RECOGNIZE HER...
Hmph!
MAYBE SHE JUST STARTED HERE...?
WELL, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER.
DIDN'T YOUR MAMA DOZE OFF AND DIE, TOO?

I WON'T FORGIVE YOU UNTIL YOU SAY SORRY!
LET GO OF ME, THUG GIRL!
SAY SORRY!
I HATE YOU, SHUU-KUN!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AAAHH!

ISN'T THAT GREAT, KOHARU-CHAN?
IT'S NICE TO KNOW THAT SHUU-KUN IS AT THE SAME CRAM SCHOOL.
YES!

YOU'VE GROWN SO MUCH !
YOU WENT TO A PRIVATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, DIDN'T YOU?
I GUESS .

WOW!
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE SEEN YOU, SHUU-KUN

MY PARENTS ARE AT WORK.
YES
THEN WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER AND EAT WITH US?
EH? ALONE?
I'VE GOT TO EAT AND GO HOME BYE.
UH.
HUH!? NO THANKS!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! NO NEED TO HOLD BACK
WAIT!
YOUR PLACE IS AS RUN-DOWN AS ALWAYS.
AREN'T YOU EVER GONNA MOVE?

SO MASAMUNE-KUN SAYS WE SHOULD STAY HERE. .
A LONG TIME AGO, MAMA WANTED TO LIVE HERE
FOR YOUR MOM...
OH...
.AND THIS IS FOR YOUKO-SAN
SINCE IT'S SO COLD TODAY, I DECIDED TO TRY ODEN.
BE CAREFUL, IT'S HOT.

YOU'RE A LIAR.
?
IT'S BEEN A WHOLE THREE YEARS.
THERE'S NO WAY NOTHING HAS CHANGED.
BUT YOU ACT LIKE YOU CARE, PRETEND YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON ..
IDIOT!
IF YOU CARE ABOUT HER SO MUCH, THEN YOU SHOULD GO TO HEAVEN, TOO!
WHOO SH
ALL OF A SUDDEN..
WHAT'S THE MATTER, SHUU-KUN?
WH...

SAY SORRY!!
OR ELSE I WON'T EVER FORGIVE YOU!
EH?
HOW DARE YOU!
...OWW...
STOP! STOP!
HOLD IT!
WHOA!

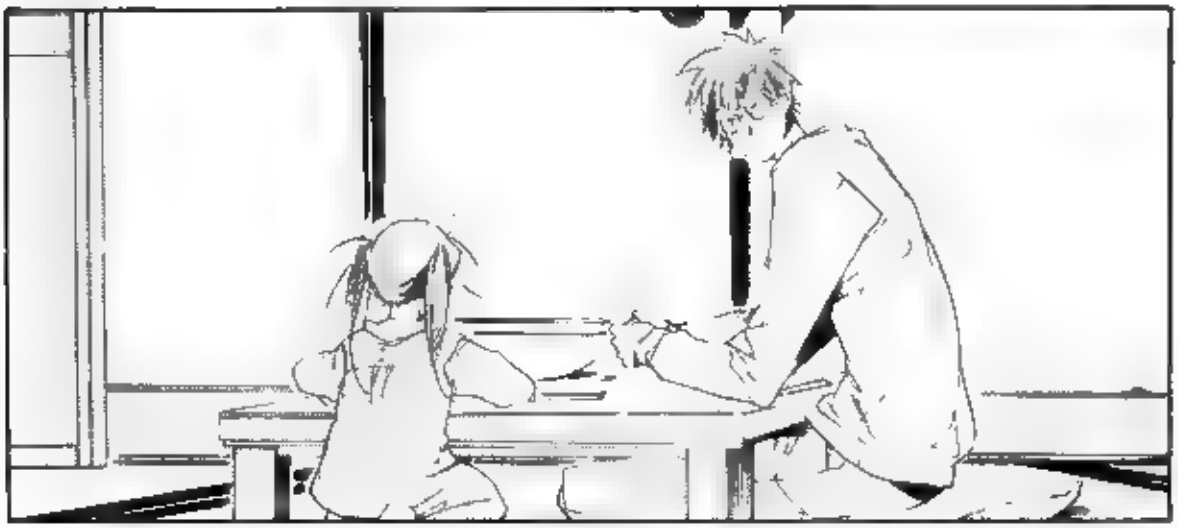
EH?
I'M LEAVING!
clack
WAIT SHUU-KUN!
Go ahead!
pant
wheeze huff
SLAM
WAI..
.....

SULK
!
DAD, ARE YOU HOME?
NO WAY, DAD, ARE YOU DRUNK AGAIN?
YOU'RE SO LAME! GET UP!
SHUT UP.

IF YOU KEEP THIS UP. .
...THEN MOM WILL REALLY LEAVE!
HUH?
FWAP

Kazama Koharu
45
GEh...!
K
KOHARU-CHAN...
I...
I WON'T APOLOGIZE
....

HA
HA
HA
HA
HEH
HEH...
HAHAHA...
WHY
ARE YOU
LAUGHING?
?
?
AM I
SUPPOSED
TO BE
ANGRY?
SO IT'S
KIND OF A
RELIEF TO
SEE YOU ACT
LIKE THIS
SOMETIMES.
YOU'RE
USUALLY
SO WELL-
BEHAVED,
NO, IT'S
JUST. .



The 22nd Day FIN

The 23rd Day:
"Thank you," not "I'm Sorry"

KAZAMA-SAN.
I'LL PUT THE COPIES YOU REQUESTED OVER HERE, OKAY?
OH, THANK YOU.
OH!
THAT'S RIGHT, KOHARU-CHAN STARTS TODAY, DOESN'T SHE?
AT CRAM SCHOOL.
YES, THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THAT.
SO, IS SHE EXCITED?
UH... WELL.
I'M GLAD I CAN GO TO CRAM SCHOOL, BUT WHY DOES SHUU-KUN HAVE TO BE THERE...?

DINNER?
BUT IT MUST BE HARD HAVING TO MAKE HER DINNER
HALF?
WELL... HALF-EXCITED?
OH... OR DO KIDS NOWADAYS..
.GO TO EAT OUT DURING THEIR DINNER BREAK?
BUT I GUESS IT'S NOT MUCH FUN TO EAT DINNER AT SCHOOL
BACK IN MY DAY, I ALWAYS BROUGHT MY DINNER WITH ME.

AAHHH!
I forgot!
WAK SEMINARS
SEMINARS
azama Konaru
~~~~
DIDN'T I ALREADY TELL YOU NOT TO WASTE MY TIME WITH STUPID CRAP?
GRR
HEY SHUU, LOOK!
THIS GAME IS SUPER SWEET!
shove
~~~~

WHAT A BORING GUY.
.....
clatter
GRIP!

WHAT'S CUTE ABOUT A THUG GIRL LIKE THAT?
WHO'S THAT!? A NEW STUDENT?
DO YOU KNOW HER, SHUU? SHE'S PRETTY CUTE!
HUH?
WHA..
HANG ON, SHUU...
UGH, SHE'S SUCH A PAIN!
THE SECOND ANYONE SAYS SOMETHING BAD ABOUT HER DAD, SHE FLIPS OUT.
ACTING LIKE A GOODY TWO-SHOES SO EVERYONE WILL LIKE YOU!
KEEP UP THE HARD WORK...

I'LL WORK HARD EVEN WITHOUT YOU TELLING ME TO.
HUH?
EVEN IF YOU SAY I'M ACTING LIKE A GOODY TWO-SHOES .
I'LL NEVER, EVER STOP.
I'M TRYING MY BEST TO NOT CAUSE ANY TROUBLE FOR MASAMUNE-KUN.
SOMEONE LIKE YOU, WHO STILL HAS BOTH A MOTHER AND A FATHER...
I'LL BEAT UP ANYONE WHO PICKS ON MASAMUNE-KUN.
...COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND.

I DON'T HAVE ANYONE...
OTHER THAN MASAMUNE-KUN ANYMORE!
RUB RUB RUB
CLASS IS STARTING ..
OKAY EVERYONE, TIME TO COME INSIDE .
TAKE YOUR SEATS!

Lala's House
Cake Shop
Lala is going to the cake shop. She walked 150m when she realizes she forgotten her wallet. After walking Xm back towards her house, her grandfather brings her her wallet. She walks an additional 600m before arriving at her destination. What is the total distance Lala will have after going to the cake shop and returning back home?
FOR THIS NEXT PROBLEM...
OKAY
.. ..
INOUE WHAT'S THE ANSWER?
EH?
OOH, CUTE!
LOOK, LOOK!
MY MOM DID MY NAILS LAST NIGHT
IF YOU'VE GOT THE TIME TO DO YOUR NAILS, PREPARE FOR LESSONS!
FOOLISH GIRL!
OH.
UMM
WELL

Y
YES?
CAN YOU SOLVE IT?
KAZAMA
THEN .
AH, THAT'S RIGHT, THERE WAS A NEW STUDENT STARTING TODAY .
I...
UMM...
I CAN ABSOLUTELY ...
...ANSWER THAT QUESTION!
OOH.
Serves you right!
LALA-CHAN WALKED A TOTAL OF 1500M. EVEN IF YOU USED A DIFFERENT NUMBER FOR THE DISTANCE SHE RETURNED, THE FINAL ANSWER WOULD BE THE SAME.
SHE WOULD HAVE TO WALK 600+450, MINUS THE 50M SHE RETURNED FOR HER WALLET, SO 700M TOTAL, TO GET BACK HOME ADDED TOGETHER.
SHE WOULD HAVE WALKED 150+50+600= 800M TOTAL TO GET TO THE SHOP
S
SAY THE DISTANCE SHE RETURNED TO GET HER WALLET WAS 50M,

VERY GOOD. YOU MAY TAKE YOUR SEAT.
AN EXCELLENT ANSWER
YOU COULD LEARN SOMETHING FROM HER, INOUE.
LISTEN UP
THE IMPORTANT THING TO UNDERSTAND
ALL RIGHT
TIME FOR YOUR 45 MINUTE BREAK
FOR THOSE WHO ARE EATING OUT, BE SURE TO COME BACK IN TIME.
Yes, sir.
OH YEAH
WHAT WILL I DO FOR DINNER .?
K . KOHARU-CHAN...

I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT DINNER
IT'S JUST A PACKAGED MEAL FROM THE STORE, I'M SORRY
DON'T BE, I'M GRATEFUL!
SO HOW ARE YOUR LESSONS GOING?
NOT TOO DIFFICULT, ARE THEY?
BUT IT WAS THE PROBLEM YOU HELPED ME WITH YESTERDAY, SO IT WAS OKAY!
REALLY? THAT'S GREAT!
TCH!
I GOT CALLED ON BY THE TEACHER EARLIER

.....
GEH!
smile
smile
HELLO.
SHUU-KUN
OH?
CLU
NK
HUH? YOU CAME HERE JUST FOR THAT?
SHE CAN BUY ONE HERSELF, CAN'T SHE?
I BROUGHT KOHARU-CHAN DINNER, IF ONLY I'D THOUGHT TO GET ONE FOR YOU, TOO
Shoot
WASN'T PLANNIN' ON IT
OH, ARE YOU GOING OUT TO GET DINNER?

WHA?
EVEN IF I HADN'T REALIZED, I KNOW SHE'D TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND MANAGE TO TAKE CARE OF THINGS HERSELF
YEAH, THAT'S TRUE
BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE ABLE TO GET INTO FIGHTS WITH HER
I'M ACTUALLY QUITE ENVIOUS OF YOU, SHUU-KUN
IT'S SEEMS LIKE SHE CAN BE HERSELF IN FRONT OF YOU.
REALLY
EVEN THOUGH WE'VE FINALLY BECOME A FAMILY.
I'VE GOT TO DO BETTER.
IF THAT'S THE CASE
IT'S ONLY BECAUSE YOU'RE SO UNRELIABLE THAT SHE'S GOTTA BE SO RESPON-SIBLE
THAT'S TRUE.
Ha ha

WELL THEN, I'LL SEE YOU LATER
WAI
WELL, IN ANY CASE, IT WOULD REALLY HELP THIS USELESS GUY OUT IF YOU COULD GET ALONG WITH KOHARU-CHAN
I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
WHY ISN'T HE ANGRY?
WHAT THE...

YOU HAD YOUR DAD DO THAT PROBLEM FOR YOU!
THAT'S THE ONLY REASON YOU COULD SOLVE IT!
AND THEN TRYING TO SHOW OFF ABOUT IT
CHEATER!
DADDY'S GIRL!
YOU'RE JUST A SPOILED BABY!

SMASH
THAT WAS COLD...
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!?
?
!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH WANTING TO SHOW OFF?
HUH?
HEY SHUU-KUN, WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?
GRAB
IF IT'S ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED EARLIER, THEN YOU'RE THE LOSER FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO ANSWER!
OWW
WHOA! STOP IT, SHUU!

I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP, SHUU-KUN
LET GO...
MASAMUNE DOESN'T HAVE ANYONE OTHER THAN HER,
AND SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANYONE OTHER THAN MASAMUNE!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH CARING ABOUT EACH OTHER!?
SOME SELFISH BRAT WITH PARENTS...
. WHO BABY AND SPOIL HER WHENEVER SHE WANTS...
...DOESN'T HAVE ANY RIGHT TO SAY ANYTHING!

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR SOMEONE WHO'S ALWAYS HAD IT EASY...
TALKING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE'S FAMILIES WHEN THEY KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THEM!
.....

I'M DEFINITELY QUITTING THIS SCHOOL!
WAAH..
THAT WAS UNLIKE YOU, SHUU-KUN ..
CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED?
I JUST WANNA GO HOME.
EXPLAIN YOURSELF, YOUNG MAN!
I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION!
I WAS JUST PISSED OFF, IS ALL.
THAT'S NOT IT.
THAT GIRL'S ANNOYING.

SHUU-KUN WAS STANDING UP FOR ME.
OH .
!
WHO THE HELL WOULD STICK UP FOR YOU!?
DON'T MISUNDER-STAND!
YOU STOOD UP FOR ME!
I DID NOT!
YOU WERE STANDING UP FOR ME!!
I WAS NOT STANDING UP FOR YOU!
THANK YOU!
LIKE I SAID...
HUH?

Thank you...
Shuu-kun!

.....
SO EVEN YOU CAN LOSE YOUR COOL.
BUT THAT WAS A SHOCK.
I EVEN BROUGHT YOU YOUR BAG.
SO MEAN!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
HUH?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A COLD GUY, BUT IT'S A RELIEF TO KNOW YOU'RE LIKE THE REST OF US
Hmph!
I'M NOTHING LIKE YOU BRATS
HUH?
Kazama Koharu
GEH!
!
SHUU-KUN, SOMETHING OF YOURS FELL..
FLAP

I... WONDER ..
.I MEAN, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE GOOD AT MATH, YOU REALLY SUCK AT SOCIAL STUDIES, HUH?
WH.. WHY DO YOU HAVE MY TEST?
.....
YOU'RE EXACTLY LIKE US...

The 23rd Day:FIN

WHOA!
IT SUDDENLY STARTED RAINING!

The 24th Day:
Transparent Green (Part 1)

MY GIRL

I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING
IT'S NOT LIKE I CAME TO PLAY WITH YOU.
WH.. WHAT!?
JUMP

UNTIL JUST A BIT AGO I WAS WITH MY DAD PLAYING. .
THEN, WHAT WERE YOU DOING, SHUU-KUN?
SITTING AT HOME READING A BOOK ON A SUNDAY.
BUT YOU REALLY ARE BORING.
SHUU.
WITH MY DAD...
WHY ALL THE SUDDEN?
DON'T YOU HAVE WORK?
I'LL GO IN THE AFTERNOON.
IT'S FINE ONCE IN A WHILE, RIGHT?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, WANNA PLAY SOCCER?

YOU KICKED IT TOO HARD!
GEEZ!
OOPS, SORRY.

DISTRICT REGISTRATION
I'VE SIGNED THEM.
I'LL SEND SHUU'S THINGS LATER.
BUT YOU CAN TAKE HIM WITH YOU NOW...

SHUU.
TAKE CARE.
ruffle

SORRY KOHARU-CHAN, COULD YOU SET OUT THE PLATES?
OH, SURE!
?
NO, I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
.....
HEY, WHY IS ALMOST ALL YOUR STUFF COVERED IN LADYBUGS?
BECAUSE MAMA LOVED THEM!
AGAIN WITH YOUR MAMA
THERE'S REALLY NOTHING ABOUT HER YOU DON'T LOVE
Huh?
What an annoying father-daughter pair
THERE WERE A LOT OF THINGS ABOUT HER I HATED

BUT SHE'S MY MOM.
OF COURSE I LOVE HER.
.....

I'LL MAKE THE GELATIN MIX WE GOT A WHILE AGO FROM THE RATTLY THING!
I KNOW!
THAT STUFF YOU DISSOLVE IN WATER AND THEN LET SET?
OH,
You mean the watery jello
IF THERE'S SOMETHING IN PARTICULAR, I'LL GO BUY IT
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR DESSERT?
GELATIN
HERE YOU GO.
.....
RRRING...
OH!
IF I HAVE TROUBLE I'LL CALL FOR YOU
ARE YOU REALLY OKAY DOING IT BY YOURSELF?

HELLO, KAZAMA RESIDENCE
LET ME GET THAT
OH! SHUU-KUN'S MOM?
WOW, IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
HMM? YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SHUU-KUN?
SURE, HE'S RIGHT...

. . . . . .

I'LL CONTACT YOU IF I HEAR ANYTHING
Y . YES.
YES
SORRY TO SAY, I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM
ALL RIGHT. GOOD-BYE
AH!
OH... UHH ..

I'M SORRY TO MAKE YOU LIE FOR ME.
I'LL GO HOME
THE GELATIN ...
DID YOU GET INTO A FIGHT WITH YOUR MOM?
WELL, WE ALL HAVE THOSE DAYS.
SINCE SHE'S GOING TO THE TROUBLE OF MAKING IT, WHY DON'T YOU WAIT TO HAVE SOME BEFORE GOING?

I'VE . HAD THAT GELATIN BEFORE.
... ..
I SAID I WANTED TO TRY IT AFTER SEEING THE COMMERCIAL, SO MY DAD BOUGHT IT FOR ME
MY MOM MADE IT, AND IT WAS REALLY GROSS...
EH?
IT'S REALLY GROSS.
...WHY WAS IT SO GROSS? WE LAUGHED ABOUT THAT WHILE WE ATE IT
TRANS- PARENT GREEN .
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A VERY PRETTY...

I GUESS THEY FORGOT WHAT YOU SAID
AFTER YOU YELLED AT THEM...
THEY GOT ALONG FOR A WHILE, BUT
IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE THEY WENT BACK TO LOOKING UNHAPPY
I WONDERED WHY YOU'RE STILL ABLE TO CARE SO MUCH ABOUT KOHARU'S MOM WITHOUT FORGETTING HER
THAT'S WHY .
. . . .
WE CAN'T ALWAYS CONVEY WHAT WE'RE FEELING
IT MADE ME MAD .

?
..
....
WHEN IT COMES TO THINGS GONE UNSAID
WE MAY HAVE ACTUALLY GOTTEN ALONG A LOT WORSE THAN YOUR PARENTS DO
Uhh.
BUT EVERYONE'S LIKE THAT, SO I WOULDN'T WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT THEM.
WELL, NOT THAT I KNOW WHAT IT IS THEY'RE HAVING TROUBLE WITH
....

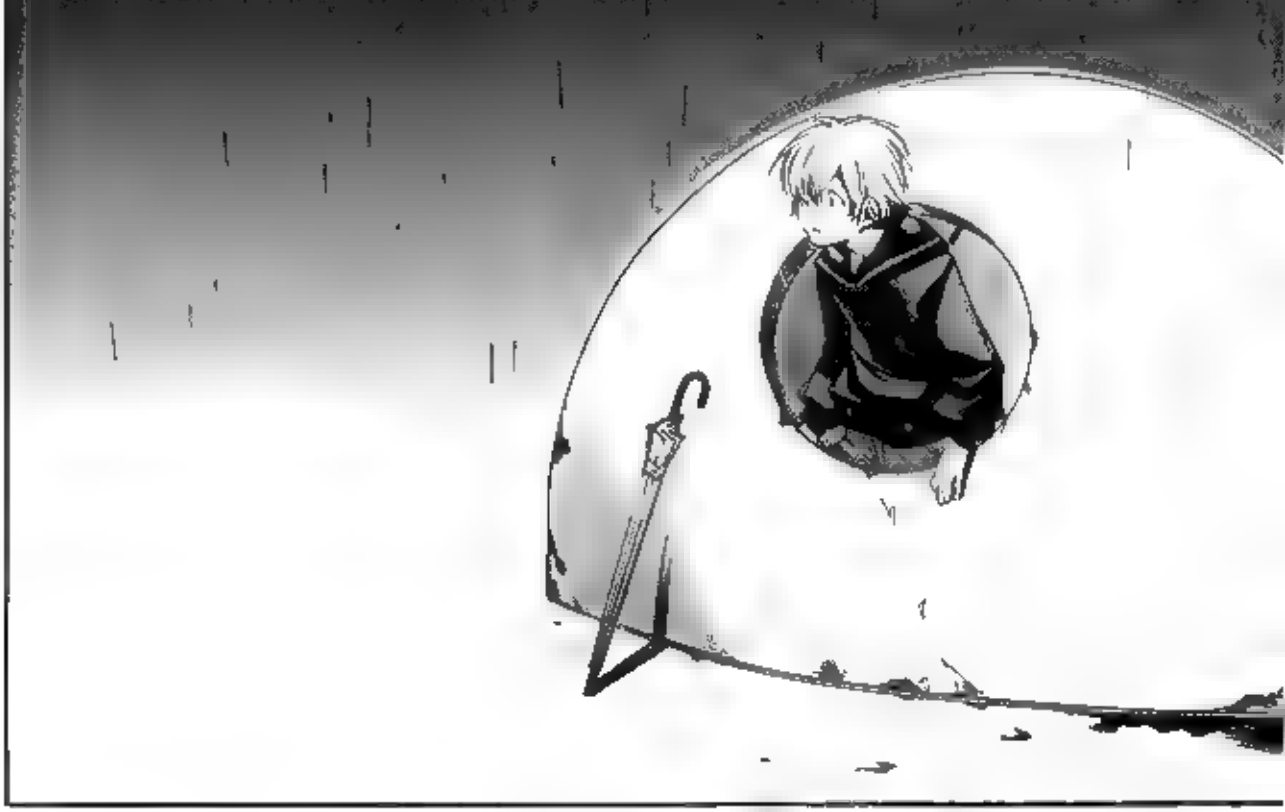
I'M NOT WORRIED ...
CAUSE THEY'VE ALREADY SPLIT UP.
SLASH
I KNOCKED IT OVER!
WAAAH!
!
MY APRON'S ALL GREEN!
DON'T WORRY, WE CAN MOP IT ALL UP
Waaah..
HOW LAME.
I'M GOING HOME

EH?
WAIT, SHUU-KUN!?
IT'S RAINING! AT LEAST TAKE AN UMBRELLA ..
THANKS FOR HAVING ME.
HM?
MASAMUNE-KUN.
I'LL...
GO BRING HIM AN UMBRELLA.

I
SNIFF SNIFF
HEY! YOU...
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN OUT THERE?
YOU STINK OF GELATIN.

MY DAD, MY MOM, NOBODY REMEMBERS IT
IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO
RIGHT, SHUU-KUN?
YOU'VE HAD THAT GELATIN BEFORE
I JUST FORGOT.
BUT...
YOU REMEMBER, DON'T YOU SHUU-KUN?

...
I MEAN, YOUR FAMILY HASN'T CHANGED, RIGHT?
. GEEZ. HOW CAN MY PARENTS FORGET THAT KINDA STUFF SO EASILY?
THERE WERE GOOD TIMES, TOO!
HEY, KOHARU?
?
ARE YOU LISTENING



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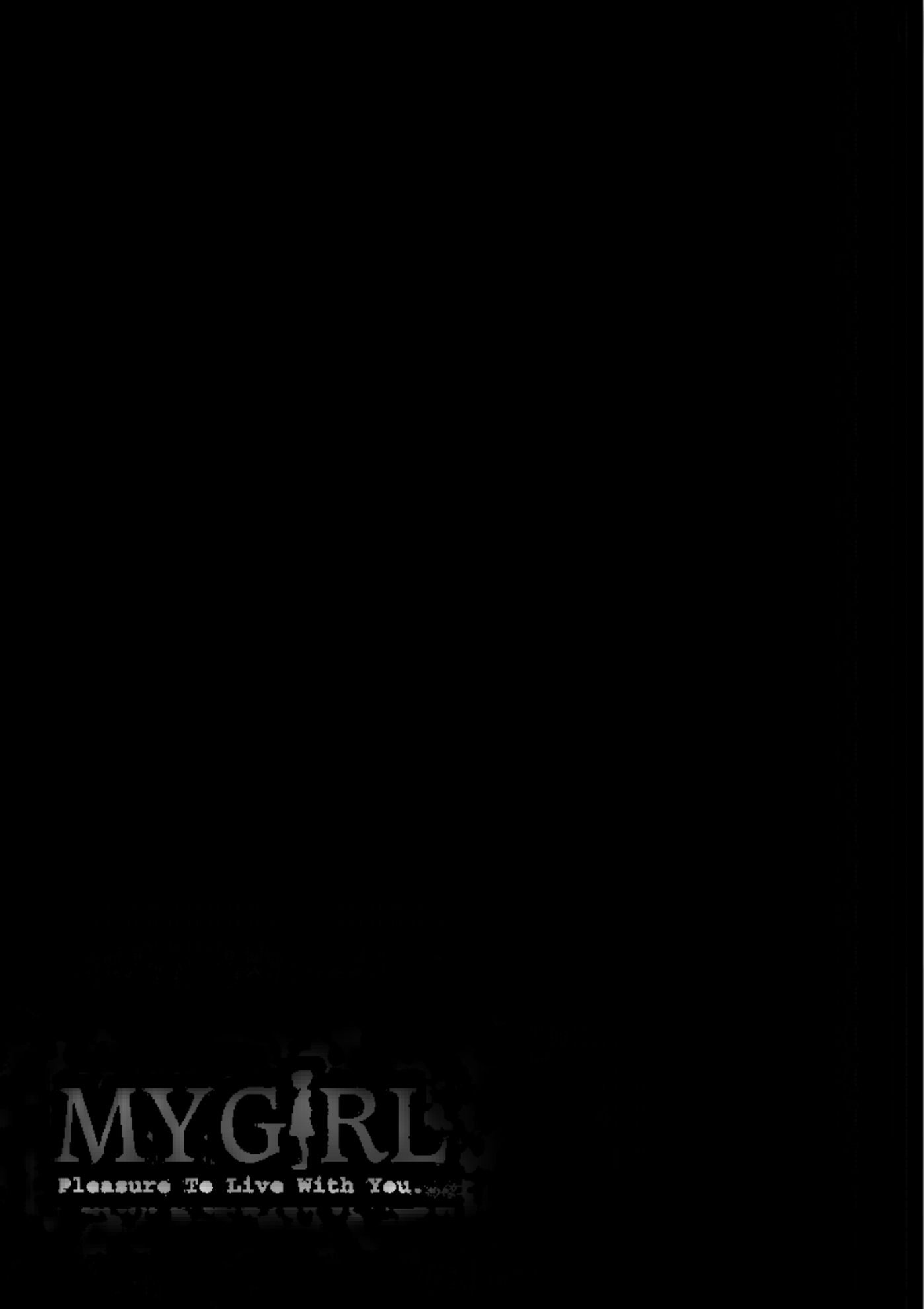
MY GIRL
Pleasure To Live With You.

LATELY MY FAVORITE PAIR OF JEANS FEELS A BIT TIGHT
SO I TRIED ATTENDING A ONE-DAY TRIAL FOR A DIET PROGRAM.
I UNDERSTAND ONE'S SENSE OF BEAUTY IS SUBJECTIVE, BUT WHEN I'M PUSHED TOO HARD I HAVE A NEGATIVE REACTION
Muscles are wonderful, you know! Muscles are...
MISSY, YOU HAVE NO MUSCLES, BUT I HAVE PLENTY!
JUST LOOK AT THESE STATS!
!!
IS WHAT I LET SLIP WITH THAT ONE SENTENCE I WIPED THE SPARKLY SMILE RIGHT OFF HIS FACE...
mutter
I MAY HAVE LOST TO YOU IN TERMS OF MUSCLE, BUT I WIN IN TERMS OF HEIGHT.

The 25th Day: Transparent Green (Part 2)

A

ARE YOU MOVING?

.....

NO. .

SHUU'S LIVING WITH HIS MOM FROM TODAY ON.

I'M JUST GETTING HIS THINGS TOGETHER ...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE. SORRY ABOUT THE MESS .

UHH YOU'RE KAZAMA-SAN'S KID

THE ONE WHO WENT TO KINDERGARTEN WITH SHUU, RIGHT?

!

I NEED TO SEND THEM QUICKLY.

SO DO YOU MIND IF I CONTINUE PACKING?

AS SOON AS I'M DONE I WANT TO SEND THEM OVER

UH..

UMM...

YEAH

IT'S PATHETIC, BUT I'M JUST NO GOOD AT MAINTAINING A HOUSEHOLD

SO SHUU-KUN CAN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE?

I'VE MADE IT REALLY HARD ON SHUU.

SINCE MY WIFE AND I SPLIT UP, WE'VE BEEN EATING NOTHING BUT TAKE-OUT.

I'M ALWAYS BUSY WITH WORK AND CAN'T LOOK AFTER HIM PROPERLY.

IN TRUTH, I SHOULD'VE SENT HIM TO HIS MOM'S...

MUCH SOONER THAN THIS.

DID SHUU-KUN SAY HE HATES..

THAT YOU DON'T COOK MEALS FOR HIM?

W .. WELL, IT'S FOR HIS OWN GOOD

OVER THERE HE'LL GET PROPER MEALS, AND...

TH . THEN...

WHY DOES HE HAVE TO GO LIVE WITH HIS MOM?

HUH?

NO...

I HEARD HIS NEW DAD CAN TAKE WHOLE DAYS OFF FROM WORK...

HE WON'T MAKE SHUU FEEL LONELY BY NOT BEING ABLE TO PLAY WITH HIM.

IT'S FINE EVEN IF YOU CAN'T PLAY WITH HIM BECAUSE YOU'RE BUSY AT WORK.

?

SURE, SOMETIMES I FEEL LONELY.

BUT I KNOW HE'S TRYING HIS BEST FOR MY SAKE, SO I CAN ENDURE IT.

I'M SURE SHUU-KUN FEELS THE SAME WAY.

MORE THAN NOT MAKING HIS MEALS...

OR NOT BEING ABLE TO PLAY WITH HIM...

I'M SURE THE THING THAT MAKES HIM THE MOST LONELY...

...IS THAT HIS MOM AND DAD AREN'T HAPPY.

SHUU-KUN THINKS THAT IF BY LIVING WITH HIS MOM,

HIS DAD IS ABLE TO BE HAPPY,

THEN HE SHOULD LIVE WITH HIS MOM.

YOU CAN ENDURE IT EVEN IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT . I'M SURE SHUU-KUN THINKS SO TOO.

YOUR MOM AND DAD CAN BE HAPPY,

I DON'T REALLY GET ADULT PROBLEMS, BUT IF BY LIVING SEPARATELY,

...THIS GREEN?

DON'T YOU REMEMBER ...

DON'T YOU REMEMBER?

THE THREE OF YOU

SHUU-KUN ATE IT WITH HIS MOM AND DAD,

IT LOOKS PRETTY BUT TASTES GROSS.

IT'S GELATIN THAT YOU MIX, AND LET SET.

MORE OFTEN THAN JUST THE TIME YOU WERE EATING THIS

THEN PLEASE LET H.M SEE HIS MOM AND DAD LOOK.NG HAPPY.

IF YOU'RE SAYING IT'S FOR HIS SAKE,

I'M SURE SHUU-KUN WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP IT UP.

IF YOU DON'T...

IF THIS GOES ON

SHUU-KUN WILL FEEL LONELY FOREVER.

?

Koharu-chaaan.

KOHARU-CHAAAN ..

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MASAMUNE?

OH, SO SHE WAS STILL PLAYING WITH YOU?

SHE HADN'T COME BACK YET SO I CAME LOOKING FOR HER.

HUH?

KOHARU WENT HOME A WHILE AGO.

I'M GOING TO GO LOOK FOR HER.

BUT ARE YOU HERE BECAUSE YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE GOING HOME?

IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN WAIT AT OUR HOUSE

THAT'S STRANGE.

I WONDER IF SHE WENT TO THE STORE TO GET ANOTHER GELATIN MIX

WHAT? REALLY?

I... I'LL GO WITH YOU..

HUH? ARE YOU SURE?

WELL I FEEL KINDA RESPONSIBLE.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.

NO BIG DEAL.

HMM.

SHE'S NOT HERE EITHER...

OH YEAH.

YOU'RE REALLY SMART, SHUU-KUN

I'm just normal.

HELLO, THIS IS KAZAMA..

I WONDER WHERE SHE WENT

HOW ABOUT YOU TRY CALLING PLACES YOU THINK SHE MIGHT GO?

OH, IS THAT RIGHT?

YES,

I WANTED TO ASK IF..

NO, THANK YOU.

GOOD-BYE

OR THAT IT'S HARD TO DO THE HOUSEWORK SINCE YOU'RE A GUY?

OR THAT HAVING A KID IS GETTING IN THE WAY OF YOUR WORK?

MASAMUNE DON'T YOU EVER THINK IT'S A PAIN, HAVING TO GO PICK UP KOHARU?

WELL, I'M ONLY HUMAN, SO I CAN'T SAY THAT I ABSOLUTELY NEVER HAVE SUCH THOUGHTS

HUH?

IT'S A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE LAID ON YOU...

BUT EVEN THOUGH I SAY THAT, THAT'S JUST AN OUTSIDER'S OPIN.ON

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT SOMEONE'S THINKING,

THE BEST WAY IS TO PUT IT INTO WORDS

TRY ASKING THE PERSON WHO YOU REALLY WANT TO ASK

. ...

WHEN CALLING AROUND I THOUGHT I SHOULD START WITH PLACES NEARBY, SO I TRIED THE CRAM SCHOOL .

.. AND THEY SAID THAT SHE ASKED FOR YOUR ADDRESS

HUH?

A AND I'M SORRY.

BUT DO YOU MIND IF WE GO TO YOUR HOUSE...?

!

DING DONG

AH, I KNEW IT. HER UMBRELLA'S HERE...

THAT LITTLE..

CLICK

HELLO!

!

DART

HOLD IT!

YOU BUSY-BODY!

WAAAH!

WHY DID RUN OFF YOU .. WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING!?

WE WERE SEARCHING ALL OVER .

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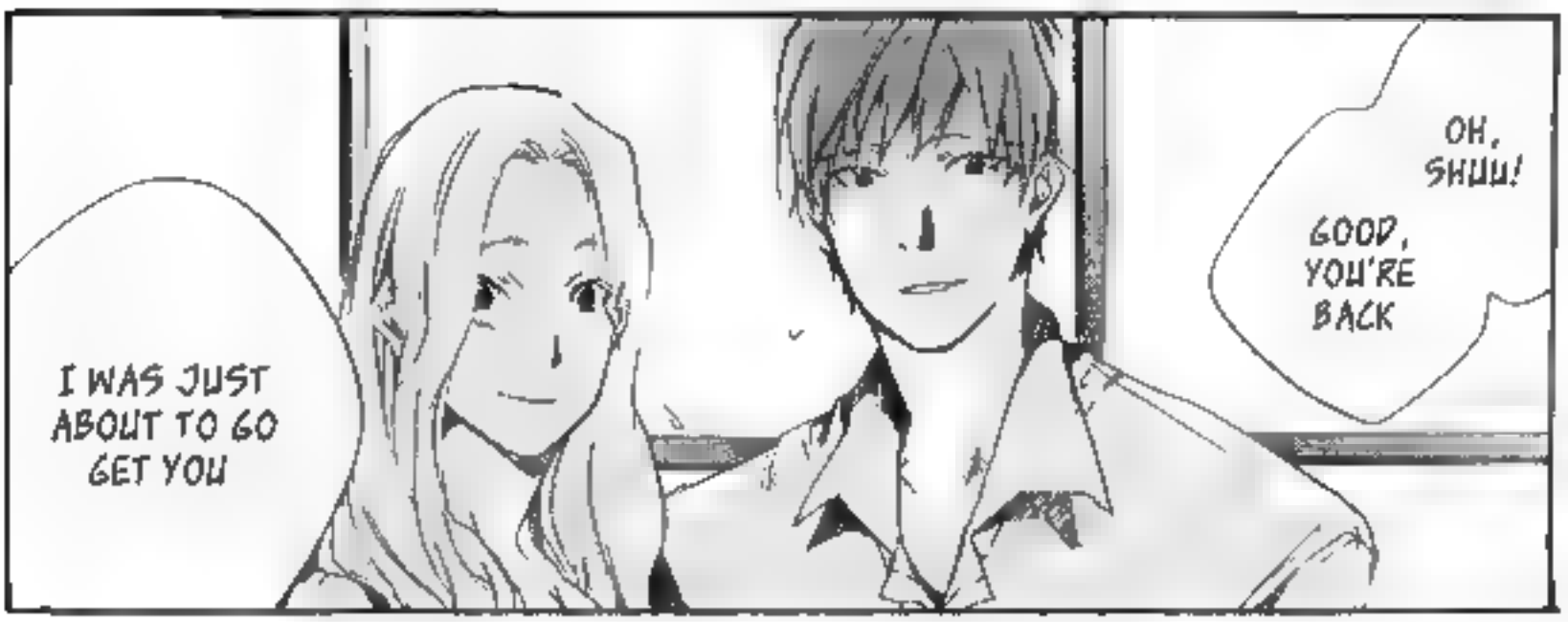

I WAS JUST ABOUT TO GO GET YOU
GOOD, YOU'RE BACK
OH, SHUU!

W...

WHY ARE YOU BOTH HERE?

. . .

WHY ?

WE WERE JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW WE HAD NEVER PROPERLY TALKED TO YOU

ABOUT WHY IT IS WE DECIDED TO SPLIT UP AND LIVE SEPARATELY.

WE DIDN'T BREAK UP BECAUSE WE HATE EACH OTHER.

I WAS THINKING ABOUT YOUR MOTHER

AND YOUR MOTHER WAS THINKING ABOUT ME.

AND WE DECIDED THIS WAS THE BEST THING FOR BOTH OF US

SO THAT FROM NOW ON THE TWO OF US .

CAN BE HAPPIER...

YEAH.

THIS TIME, THE TWO OF US MADE IT TOGETHER...

SO, IN ORDER TO REMEMBER THEM, WE MADE IT AGAIN.

IT'S TRUE THAT WE'VE LOST SIGHT OF A LOT OF THINGS

IT CERTAINLY TASTED BAD,

BUT LET'S EAT IT ONE LAST TIME...

AND SMILE HAPPILY

THE THREE OF US

SEE YOU...

YEAH

WANT TO STAY WITH DAD...

I...

IT .

IT'S NOT THAT I...

DON'T LIKE YOU GUYS, MOM .

IT'S JUST .

MOM, YOU ALREADY HAVE SOMEONE BY YOUR SIDE ..

BUT DAD'S ALL ALONE...

LISTEN UP.

THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.

SO JUST DO AS

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, SHUU!?

WHA...

DO YOU NOT WANT TO BE WITH ME DAD?

THAT'S NOT SOME-THING

A KID SHOULD BE WORRYING ABOUT!

DO YOU NOT WANT TO LIVE WITH ME?

WHAT IS OKAY FOR A KID TO WORRY ABOUT?

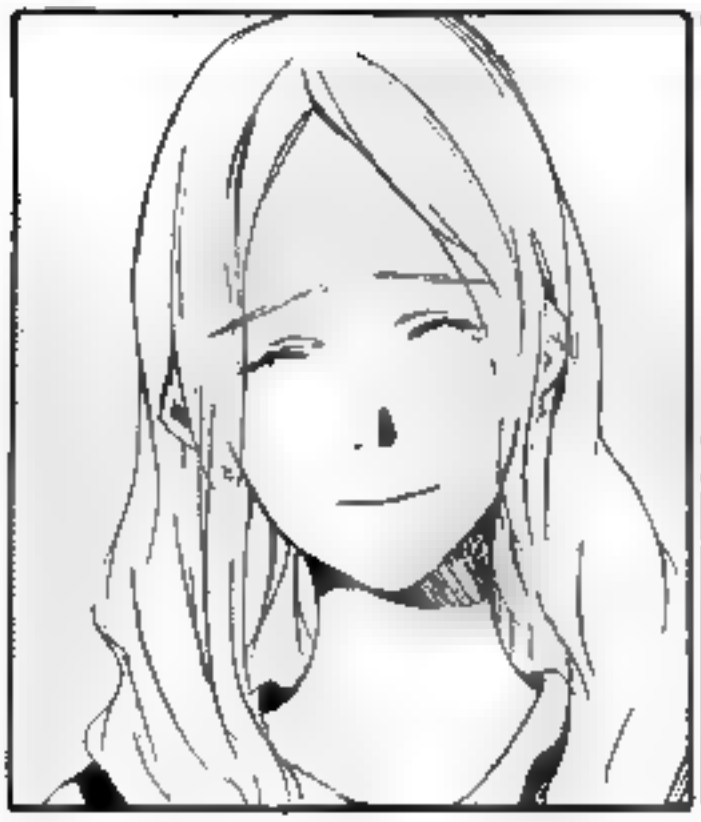
IF I'M AN ADULT, IS IT OKAY TO WORRY ABOUT IT?

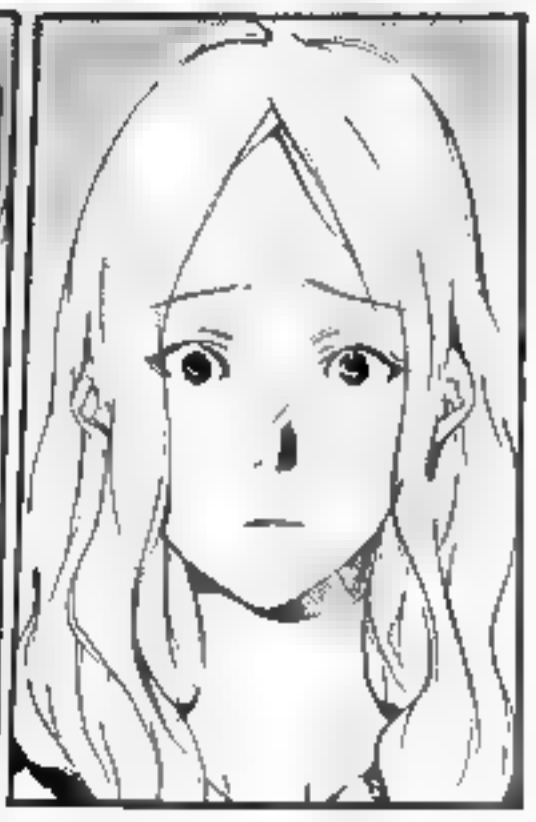
THEN I'LL BE AN ADULT STARTING TODAY.

SO...

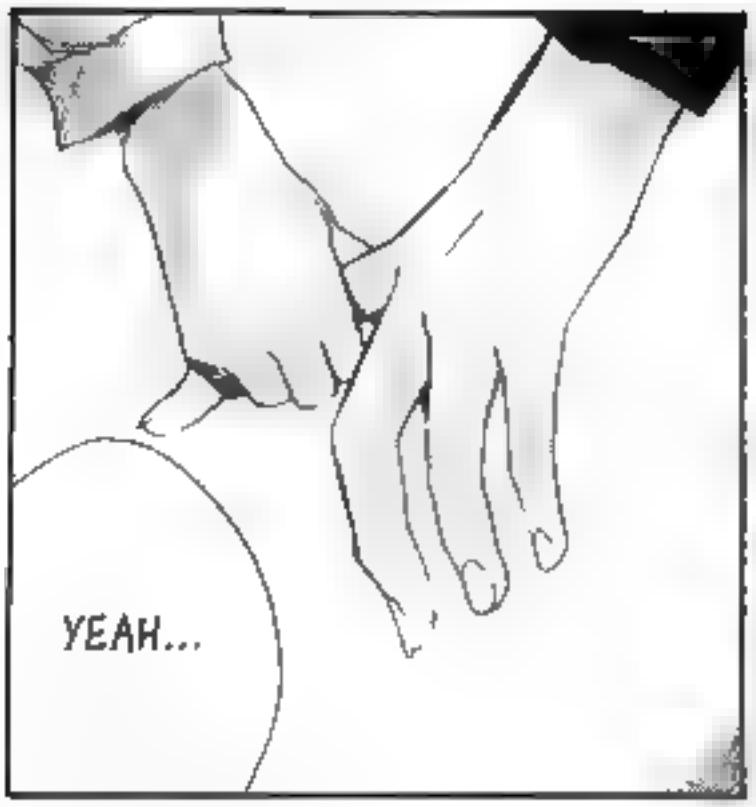
SO CAN'T I...

STAY WITH YOU, DAD...?





DON'T BLAME ME...
DON'T BLAME ME, OKAY...?
IF LATER YOU REGRET STAYING HERE WITH ME ..



The 25th Day.FIN

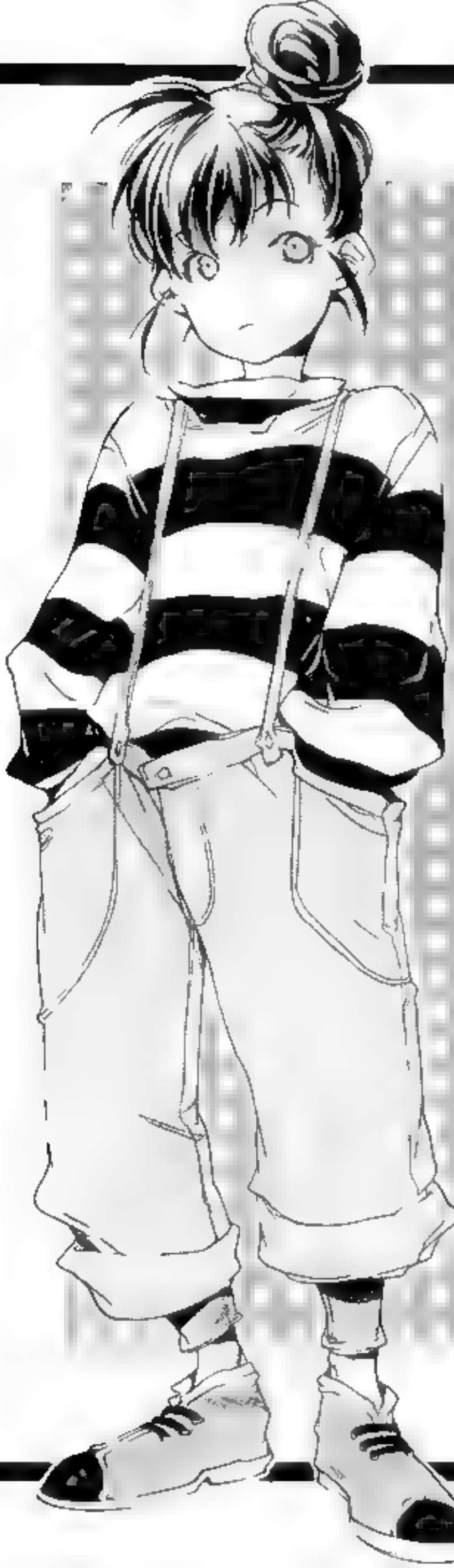
THIS HAPPENED WHEN I WAS REORGANIZING MY ROOM ONE DAY

I HAVE NO IDEA WHEN I SET A ROACH MOTEL IN THAT SORT OF PLACE, BUT
Roach Motel

BADMP
BADMP
I WONDER WHY THESE SORT OF THINGS ALWAYS MAKE YOU WANT TO LOOK INSIDE EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T REALLY WANT TO SEE WHAT'S INSIDE...

MY GIRL

Pleasure To Live With You.



The 26th Day :
An Unyielding Way of Life

I BELIEVE THAT A SUCCESSFUL LIFE IS ONE WHERE YOU ALWAYS HAVE FUN AND PROFIT FROM IT.

THE RULE TO MAKE IT IS TO BE IRRESPONSIBLE AND SELF-CENTERED.

TAC

TAC

WANTING TO BE WELL-LIKED IS GOING THROUGH PAINS USELESSLY.

Write a message

I'm coming to the club tonight, so wait for me! ♥

LAST YEAR, UNDER THE EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL, HE GOT A RANDOM EMPLOYEE FROM THE GENERAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT PREGNANT, THEN TOOK RESPONSIBILITY AND MARRIED HER.

IT'S ABOUT THAT...

WHAT IS IT?

KUDOU ...

GOT A MINUTE?

FOR EXAMPLE, THIS 2-YEAR EMPLOYEE SITTING BEHIND ME...

AFTERWARDS, FOLLOWING THE ADVICE OF HIS IN IN LAWS, HE, 24 YEARS OLD, BOUGHT A NEW HOUSE.

IT'S OKAY, RELAX...

THERE'LL STILL BE TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT IF SOMEONE COMPLAINS.

NOW, HE WILL HAVE TO WORK FOR TENS OF YEARS IN THIS SOCIETY TO REIMBURSE HIS LOAN...

ha ha

THAT'S TRUE.

WHEN HE ARRIVED, HE WAS A GOOD-LOOKING MAN THOUGH.

TODAY, BECAUSE OF HIS TROUBLES, HE LOOKS OLDER THAN I DO.

KUDOU!!

CAN YOU EXPLAIN THAT!?

I GAVE THIS TO YOU BECAUSE YOU TOLD ME YOU'D TAKE CARE OF IT!

BUT YOU DIDN'T DO ANY-THING AT ALL!!

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW? THE PRESENTATION IS TOMORROW !!

TALKING ABOUT LOSERS, THE ONE SITTING IN FRONT OF ME, KAZAMA IS ALSO A GOOD PIECE.

AAH, I FORGOT.

WHAT!?

AND WHY SHOULD I HELP YOU!?

AND TO TOP IT ALL, SHE DIED AND STUCK HIM WITH THE DAUGHTER.

WENT ABROAD AND RAISED HER KID ON HER OWN.

HIS EX-GIRLFRIEND ...

YOU FORGOT? YOU'RE SO IRRESPONSIBLE ...

It's Ok!

It's Ok!

BY HURRYING UP IN YOUR HOME TONIGHT, WE'LL FINISH ON TIME!

YOU REALLY ARE SHAME-LESS...

THIS MAN IS OF A RARE FOOLISHNESS.

AAH It's just Ok!

IT WAS YOU WHO TRUSTED ME WITH THIS WORK!

HE WAS ALREADY MEDIOCRE AND NOW, HE'S EVEN BURDENED WITH A CHILD...

HE COULD HAVE REFUSED, BUT HE DIDN'T ...

HE WILL MOST LIKELY NEVER BE ABLE TO MARRY...

HURRY UP AND PUT YOUR DAUGHTER TO BED!

CHILDREN ARE NOISY, SHE'LL BOTHER US!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, THOUGH.

MY KOHARU IS NOT LIKE THAT.

CLAC

YOU INVITE YOURSELF IN MY HOME AND YOU DARE TALK TO ME LIKE THAT?

"YOUR KOHARU"?

TCH!

STOP ACTING THE SENILE DAD! IT SICKENS ME...

...

AM I RIGHT? AM I RIGHT ?

I'M SURE SHE WEARS GLASSES!

She must look like that

SHE'S STILL YOUR DAUGHTER!

I IMAGINE HER UGLY!

I'M HOME!

BAH, SHE'S NORMAL-LOOKING.

NO FUN.

AH!

GOOD EVENING!

FROUSH FROUSH

OUCH!

ER, THIS IS KUDOU, A PERSON FROM MY WORK.

GOOD EVENING, MASAMUNE!

Your home's dirty!

HOW ABOUT ORDERING TAKEOUT?

I'LL GET MYSELF A BEER!

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HOW BAD-MANNERED HE IS...

PFFF...

SAY MASAMUNE ...

DO YOU HAVE WORK TO DO TONIGHT?

SORRY...

WOULD YOU PLEASE GO TO BED BEFORE ME?

IT DOESN'T MATTER.

I'LL GO TO BED THEN.

AAH, YES ...

WITH KUDOU, WE NEED TO PUT A FILE TOGETHER URGENTLY...

THANKS. GOOD NIGHT!

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR WORK!

Social Studies

AH...
REALLY?
IT'S A HAND-OUT.
IT SAYS THERE WILL BE WATER SUPPLIES RE-CONSTRUCTION
MR. KAZAMA, ARE YOU HOME?
SSS
IT WILL BE THE LAST TIME AT YOUR PLACE, SO WILL YOU PLEASE GIVE THIS TO YOUR LANDLORD?
ALRIGHT.
GO-... GOOD NIGHT MR. KUDOU.
TAC
Yeah.

SO...
MY SEAL,
MY SEAL...
SO,
KUDOU?
UH?
IF YOU
PROPERLY
EXPLAIN THE
REASON, EVEN
CHILDREN CAN
UNDERSTAND.
YOU SEE
HOW WRONG
YOUR IDEAS
ABOUT CHILDREN
BEING NOISY
AND INVADING
ARE!
A CHILD
THAT'S NOT
NOISY OR
INVADING IS
ABNORMAL.

YOU WERE PAMPERED YOUR WHOLE CHILDHOOD, SO YOU CAN'T GET IT...

YOU'RE A SINGLE CHILD, RIGHT?

YOUR PARENTS WERE HEALTHY AND HAD MONEY...

UH?

WHAT?

?

.....

CLAC

ER.. WELL, I NEED TO GO AND GIVE THIS HANDOUT TO MY LANDLORD.

WILL YOU KEEP WORKING WITHOUT ME?

OK!

!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN YOUR CORNER? ☆

YOU'LL TELL KAZAMA I'M HEADING HOME AND I'LL WORK ON THE FILE ON MY OWN.

HEY!

KAZAMA'S DAUGHTER!

I'M SURE YOU'RE NOT SLEEPING!

I'M OPENING THE DOOR!

SST

THIS WAY, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ASK HIM FOR HELP WITH YOUR HOMEWORK!

!

NOWADAYS, PARENTS DECIDE THE FUTURE OF THEIR CHILDREN ON THEIR OWN!

FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS NEVER EXPERIENCED IT!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND HOW WORRIED SINGLE PARENTS ARE...

SEE YOU!

.....

SO YOU HAD BETTER BE MORE SELFISH!

DO WHAT YOU WILL, EVEN IF YOU MAKE YOUR FATHER OR OTHERS CRY!

IF YOU WANT TO REALLY ENJOY LIFE...

AH...

I'M HOME!

... I CHATTED A LITTLE TOO MUCH WITH THE LANDLORD.

UH?

WHERE'S KUDOU!?

AH...

AND THIS WAY, YOU COULD HELP ME WITH MY HOMEWORK...

HE SAID HE WOULD WORK BY HIMSELF...

OH!

SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT, KEN!

YEP!

I RISKED FALLING ASLEEP ON MY OWN, SO...

YOU'RE WORKING HERE?

HA HA HA!

THAT'S TRUE!

BUT IF I DON'T WORK, I DON'T WON'T ANY MONEY TO COME HERE!

IT'S SO SURPRISING TO SEE MY LOVELY SILLY KEN WORK!

AND I REALLY CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT...

Tap Tac Tac

A CHILD IS A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY FOR A SINGLE FATHER OR MOTHER..

Hm.

HE IS SINGLE, BUT STILL TAKES CARE OF A LITTLE GIRL HE TOOK IN..

I HAVE A DUMB COLLEAGUE WHO DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO SAY NO.

YOU KNOW ...

OUTWARDLY ...

THEY SEEM TO BE OBEDIENT AND REASONABLE, BUT...

THAT'S WHY THESE CHILDREN SEEK, IN THEIR OWN WAY, TO LIGHTEN THE BURDEN OF THEIR PARENT.

IN REALITY, THEY ARE NOTHING LIKE THAT.

BY ALWAYS TAKING EVERYTHING UPON THEMSELVES ...

THEY SOLELY BECOME GOOD AT RESIGNING THEMSELVES.

.....

NO...

I WON'T TELL HIM.

SHOULDN'T YOU TELL THIS TO THAT PERSON?

ME...

I'M NO GOOD GUY.

I'M A BASTARD

RATHER THAN BEING TOLD ...

IT'S MORE EFFICIENT TO HAVE DISCOVERED THINGS BY YOURSELF. THAT WAY, YOU DON'T FORGET.

YEAH, AND TODAY, SHE'S STILL WORKING AS A HOSTESS IN A BAR.

THAT'S WHY I LOVE CLUB WOMEN!

YOU ONLY KNEW YOUR MOTHER, RIGHT?

WHAT?

AH...

KUDOU...

I'M FREAKING TIRED, SO I'LL GO TAKE A NAP ON THE ROOF.

MAKE AN EXCUSE UP FOR THE BOSS.

HWAA

YOU RESPECT ME MORE NOW, HUH?

YOU...

YOU REALLY DID IT...

HERE.

Thank you for yesterday Mr. Kudou

Koharu

IT'S FROM KOHARU...

EH?

TELL HER TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR WHEN SHE'S IN A MIDDLE SCHOOL!

HWAA

THAT GUY...

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Koharu

BUT...

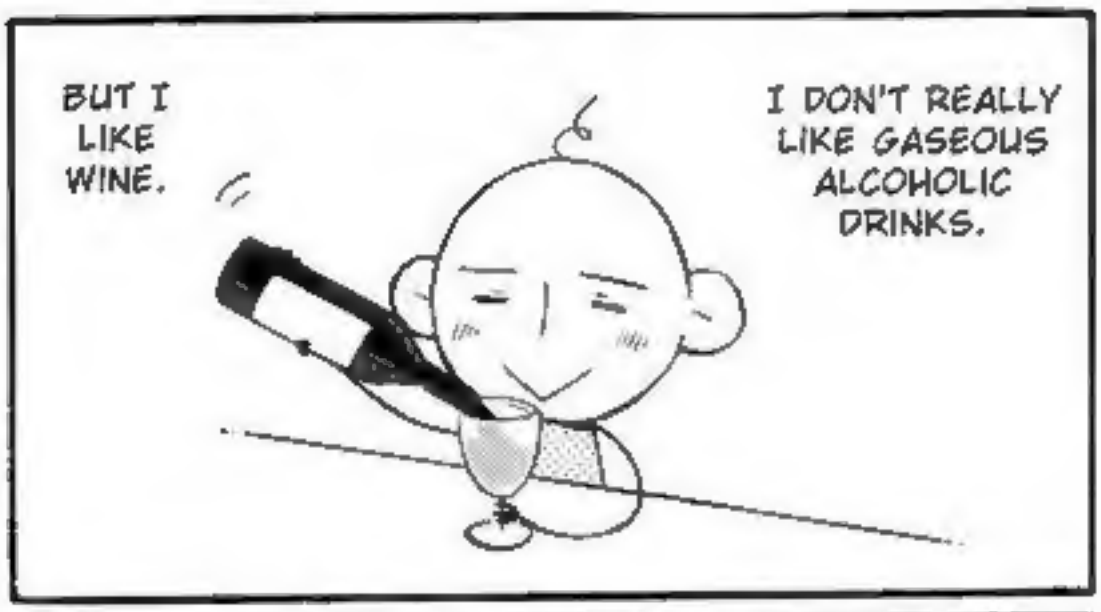
ONCE IN A WHILE...

IT FEELS GOOD TOO, TO PLEASE OTHERS...

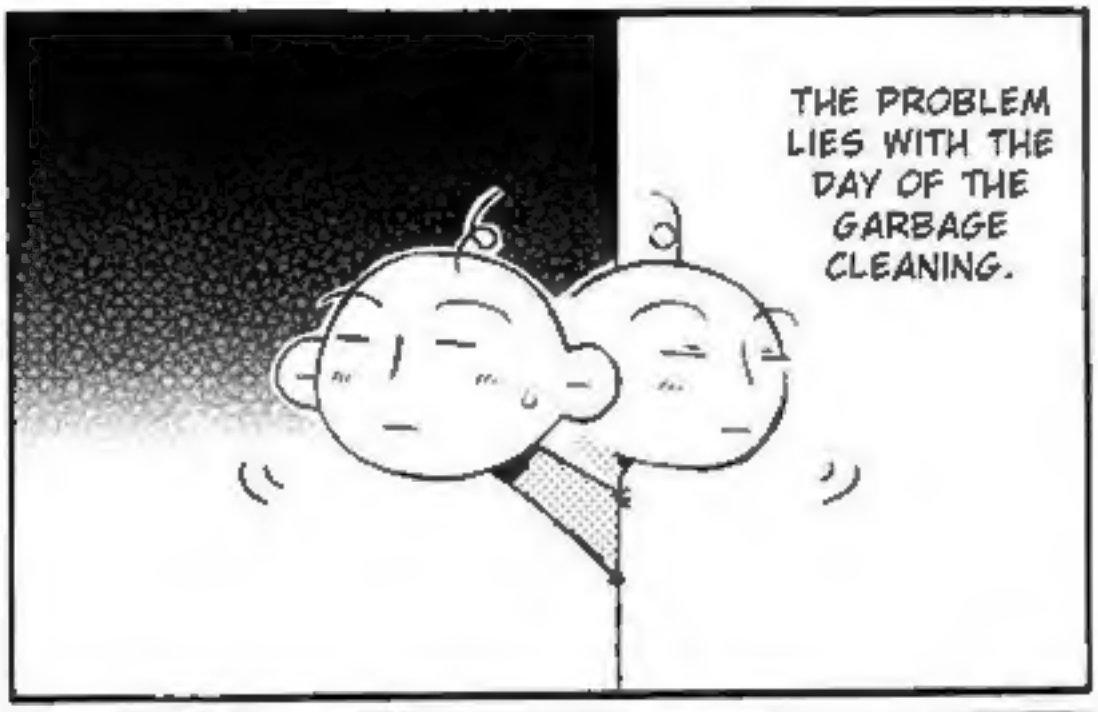
MY GIRL

Pleasure To Live With You...

MYGIRL


BUT I LIKE WINE.
I DON'T REALLY LIKE GASEOUS ALCOHOLIC DRINKS.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS TO DRINK GOOD YET CHEAP WINE.
THE WAY TO DRINK IT OR ITS NAME DON'T REALLY MATTER TO ME.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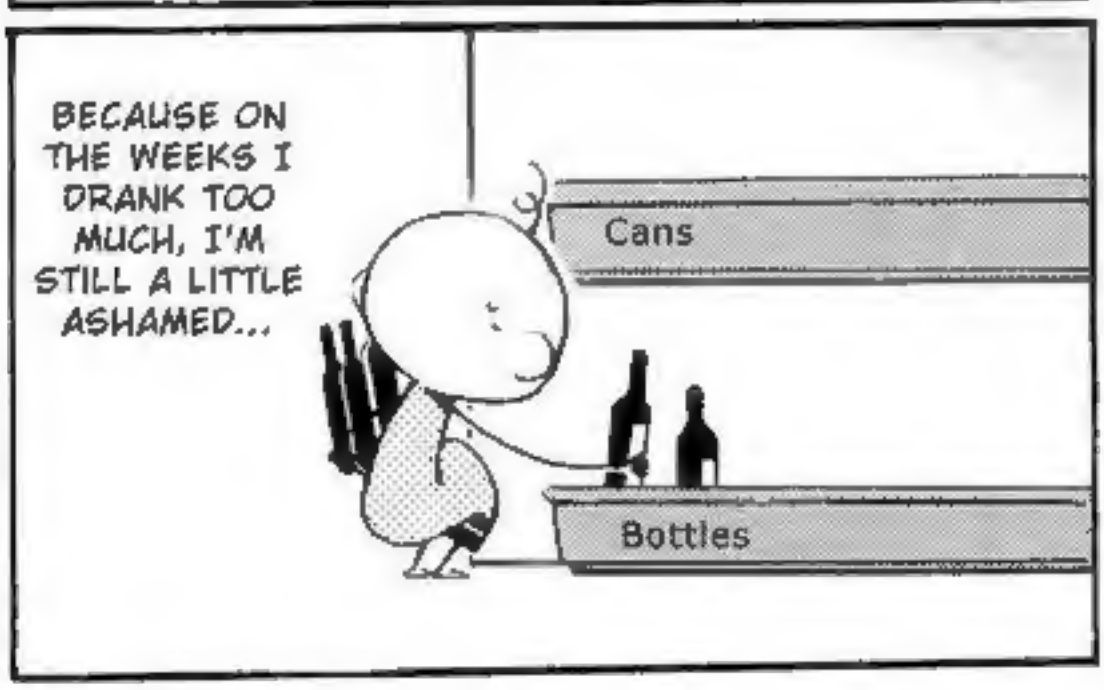
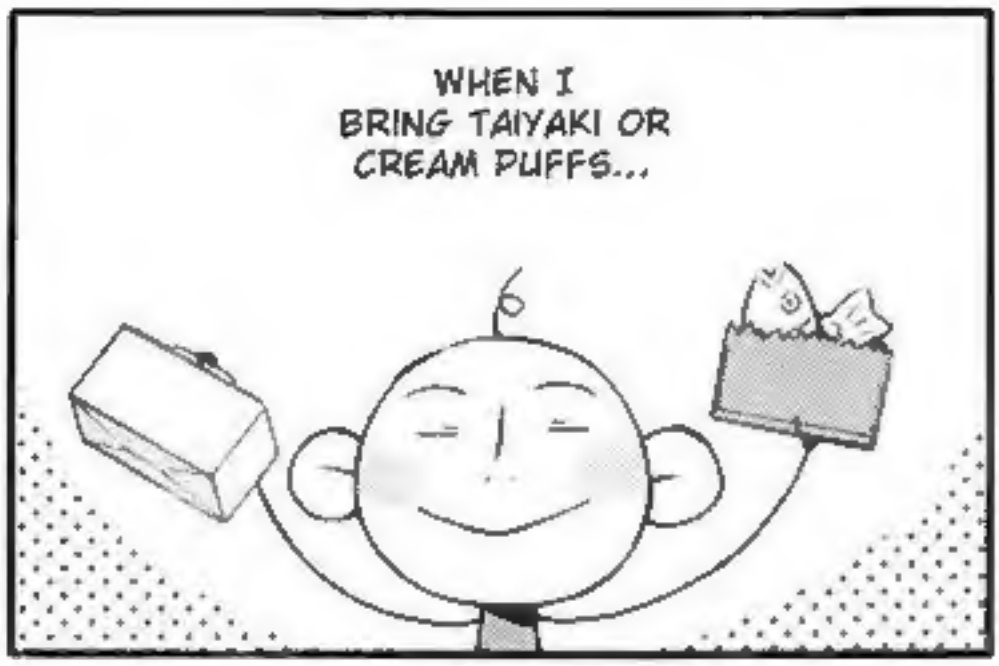

BECAUSE ON THE WEEKS I DRANK TOO MUCH, I'M STILL A LITTLE ASHAMED...
Cans
Bottles


WHEN I
BRING TAIYAKI OR
CREAM PUFFS...

MY FRIEND
MAKES A
DISGUSTED
LOOK.

DON'T
TAKE THE
INSIDE
AWAY!
EAT
EVERY-
THING!
IT'S BECAUSE I
ALWAYS EAT SOLELY
THE EXTERIOR AND
MAKE HER EAT THE
CREAM AND THE RED
BEANS PASTE THAT'S
INSIDE.
Eat!
But I don't like
the inside...

MY GIRL

First, I would like to thank you for reading this manga.

I feel relieved I made it to the 3rd volume.
Even if for a while my head was busy with other works, I thought I would never get used to drawing these characters. Sometimes Koharu looks small, sometimes tall... So I want to apologize for all these faults.

I hope that in the future, I will still have the opportunity to draw, in my way, the daily lives of people like you and me.

On these words, thank you all!
You have all my gratitude and my gratefulness.

May 2009, Mizu Sahara